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HOW TO EXPLAIN THE U.S. ELECTION TO 9-YEAR-OLDS

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A 'national disgrace,' you say? Sorry

ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM

Formal apology issued nearly 30 years after 'racist' exhibit

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Afua Cooper was a student at the University of Toronto when "Into the Heart of Africa" opened at the Royal Ontario Museum in 1989.

As a Jamaican-born Canadian and a student of history, she was eager to catch a glimpse of the exhibit, but was dismayed by what she found.

"I was outraged when I visited. It was a national disgrace," said Cooper, who now teaches sociology and social anthropology at Dalhousie University.

On Wednesday, the ROM issued a formal apology to the Coalition for the Truth About Africa. "The exhibition displayed images and words that showed fundamentally racist ideas and attitudes of early collectors," the apology reads. "Into the Heart of Africa perpetuated an atmosphere of racism and the effect of the exhibition itself was racist. The ROM expresses its deep regret for having contributed to anti-African racism."

The exhibit, which featured 375 cultural artifacts taken during the turn of the century, sparked protests from African-Canadians and confrontations with police.

Among the criticisms was that the exhibit glorified colonialism and those partaking in it while not fully exploring the damage it inflicted on Africa and Africans; that it reinforced harmful stereotypes about Africans by using descriptors like "barbarous people" and "savage customs" in text accompanying displays; and that illustrations, including a British soldier on horseback stabbing a Zulu warrior in the chest with a sword and a group of African women on their knees doing laundry while a white woman looks on approvingly, were demeaning and "devastating."

At the time, museum staff defended the exhibit, saying it offered a "critical examination of the role played by Canadians in the European colonization of Africa in the 19th century, while highlighting the rich diversity of African cultural practices and artistic traditions." WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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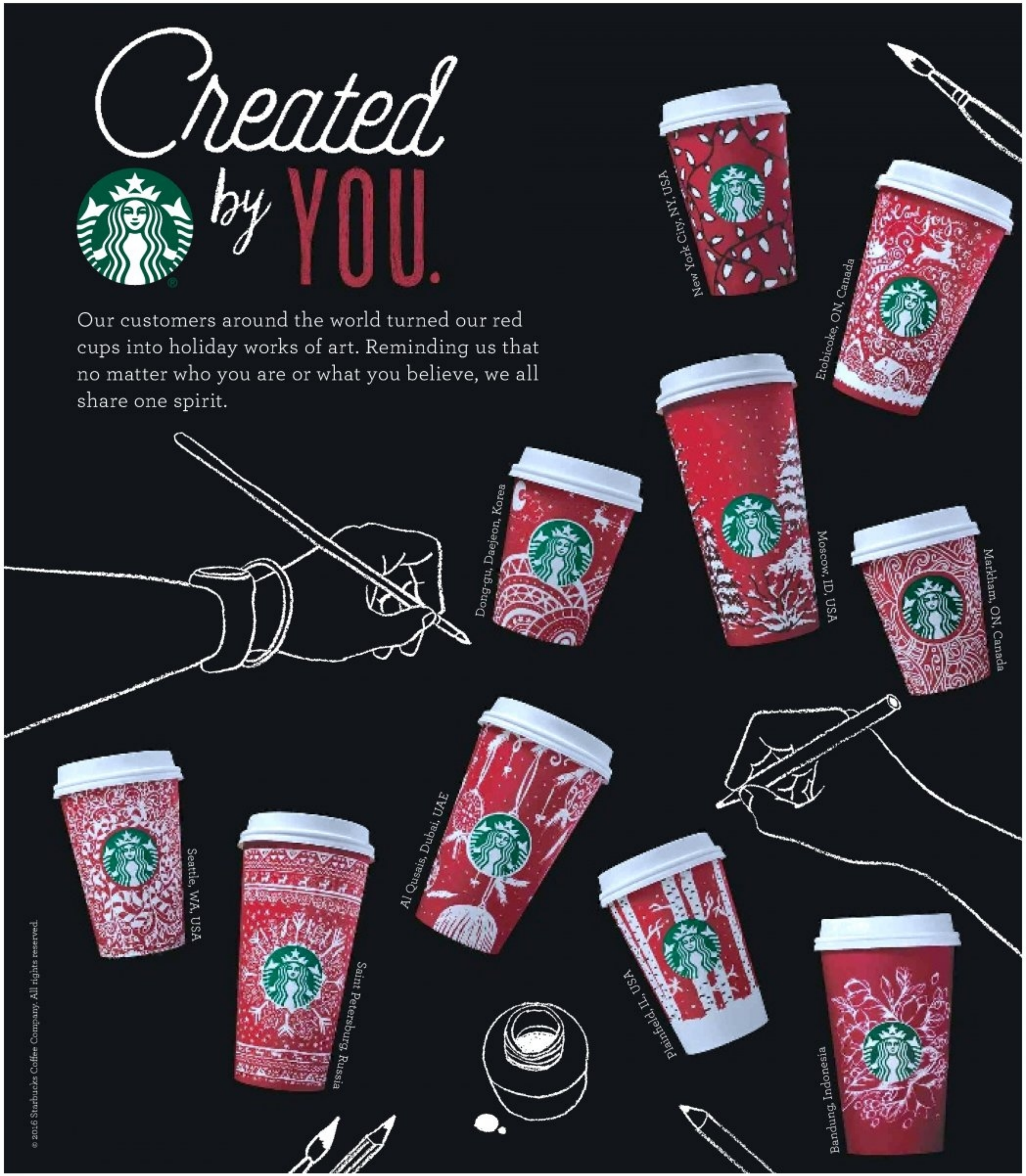

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METRO ARTIST TAKE

THE WORLD IN TORONTO

Project shows people from (nearly) every country

Gilbert Ngabo
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Colin Boyd Shafer feels "pretty confident" to say there's a person from every country living in Toronto.

And he's been working on compiling the proof.

His project, Cosmopolis Toronto: The World In One City, is a living documentary showcasing the city's diversity. Shafer spent an entire year building contacts, photographing people and collecting their personal stories of migration.

"You name any country, and you will find somebody from there on Cosmopolis," he said.

Well, almost any country. The only place that's not represented is Monaco. Shafer ran across two people from there but they didn't want to be included.

Shafer is touring Toronto Public Library branches to talk about the project and is bringing along some of the people he's profiled. The photography exhibition will be coupled with discussions about the journeys of newcomers to the city.

"I've lived in many places, and you always hear that people with different religions and cultures can't live together," he said. "Toronto is special in that way. So I thought, this thing that's working here, we should tell the world about it."

He sees Cosmopolis project as a resource for education about diversity. In Bulgaria, where he currently teaches geography at the American College of Sofia, Shafer uses the project to dispel misconceptions children have about migration and multiculturalism.

Colin Boyd Schafer
CONTRIBUTED

"I guess it also emphasizes that idea of the city's inclusivity. Everyone is accepted in Toronto," he said.

Some of the people featured in the Cosmopolis project, representing countries from around the world.
PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Pursad, from Cambodia

Gebhard, from Leichtenstein

Esther, from Papua New Guinea

Beni, from Rwanda

Virgil, from Suriname

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Sex assault victim's mission

YORK UNIVERSITY

Gray wants a better method for dealing with incidents

A student who filed a human rights complaint against an Ontario university after she was sexually assaulted by another student says the school's new guidelines for responding to sexual violence fall short.

Mandi Gray, a 28-year-old York University PhD student, was attacked in January 2015. A fellow student, Mustafa Ururyar, was found guilty of sexually assaulting Gray earlier this year and is appealing his conviction.

In addition to the criminal proceedings, Gray also filed a complaint against York University at the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario in June 2015, claiming the school lacked clear procedures for reporting assaults.

Gray alleged that by failing to have sexual assault-specific policies, procedures and protocols to respond to reports of sexual assault committed by its students and staff, the university discriminated against her as a woman, and as a sexual assault survivor.

Mandi Gray filed a complaint against York University at the Human Rights Tribunal in Ontario for not responding to her assault properly. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"I'm not bringing this forward just for me as an individual. If I wanted to do that I could have walked away with damages, like a cash settlement, months ago," Gray said of her complaint. "I'm doing this for future students and for current students and faculty who experience sexual assault."

In the time since Gray filed her complaint with the human rights tribunal, which has the power to order policy changes, York released interim guidelines for responding to sexual violence. They include the introduction of a Sexual Violence Response Office and a policy that police would only be notified about alleged incidents with the consent of alleged victims, unless there is an imminent safety risk to the community.

But Gray is taking issue with the guidelines — released in September — and plans to air her concerns at a mediation session with the university organized by the human rights tribunal on Wednesday.

"They're making these really symbolic changes but they're not changing the structure," she said.

> **"I'm doing this for future students and for current students and faculty who experience sexual assault.**
> Mandi Gray

"I'm hoping the formality of this process will push them to listen to survivors of sexual assault." Gray alleges that the Sexual Violence Response Office, for instance, does not have sufficient staff with specific expertise to deal with disclosures of sexual assault.

She also says that all students, including those who may have experienced alleged sexual assaults and are involved in the legal system, should have access to counselling services at the university.

A spokeswoman for York University said the institution looks forward to participating in the mediation process with Gray. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Markham police identify victim of shooting

Police in Markham, Ont., have identified a man who died after being shot this week. York Regional Police say 50-year-old Kong Wu Wang of Toronto was found on the side of a Markham road early Monday morning.

They say he was taken to hospital and pronounced dead. Investigators say the cause of death is a gunshot wound. The homicide unit is investigating, and is asking anyone with information to come forward.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Audit finds misspending at children's aid society

Senior managers at the Sudbury children's aid society charged more than $106,000 of "unreasonable" expenses over a two-year-period, with most coming from the former executive director, a government-ordered audit has found.

Colette Prévost, who now heads the York Region Children's Aid Society, charged $99,000 of those "unreasonable" expenses.

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Kanye collaborator brings threads to T.O.

FASHION

Off White is Virgil Abloh's followup to PYREX

Nichole Jankowski
For Metro
THE RETAIL INSIDER

With the signing of a lease, Virgil Abloh unwittingly announced Off White's Canadian retail debut.

Toronto will get a store — along with New York — as part of a North American expansion for the Manhattan-bred, Milan-based luxury streetwear label that Abloh, creative director to Kanye West, heads.

Abloh's approach to fashion is not unlike West's approach to, well, anything.

Two-fisted and cocksure, he began designing as part of the art and DJ collective Been Trill, a hyped-up streetwear brand with accompanying celebrity beef, before moving on to PYREX Vision.

"Essentially, my brand started from screen printing on Champion hoodies and buying a bunch of Ralph Lauren polos, screen printing on it, and feeling like I could charge 700 bucks," explained Abloh, who was in Toronto last week for The Creator Class discussion On Fashion and Images hosted by Free Agency.

Abloh took Rugby Ralph Lauren flannels, modified them by printing PYREX 23 in white slab-serif font on the back and sold them for $550 (US), a nearly 700 per cent markup. The brand folded after a few seasons.

GQ called Off White the "spiritual successor" to PYREX, and in many ways, it was.

Controversy creates name recognition, fame begets fame and opportunity may arrive from the top-down. But, Abloh is here to say that all it takes to succeed in your creative field of choice is a fully charged iPhone and determination.

UPPING THE GAME

The quality of Virgil Abloh's creations has increased since moving production to an atelier in Milan, shared with the other high-end urban wear lines under the New Guards Group umbrella, including Shayne Oliver's Hood By Air.

"I don't want to go through past history and make it seem like we're that great," Abloh said while in Toronto, seated on a set of risers in front of a full house — a crowd of fans left out in the cold after the venue hit capacity.

Abloh monopolized the 55-minute discussion, which came the day after he DJed Kendall Jenner's birthday, with his collaborator and co-headliner, photographer Fabien Montique, speaking for only six minutes.

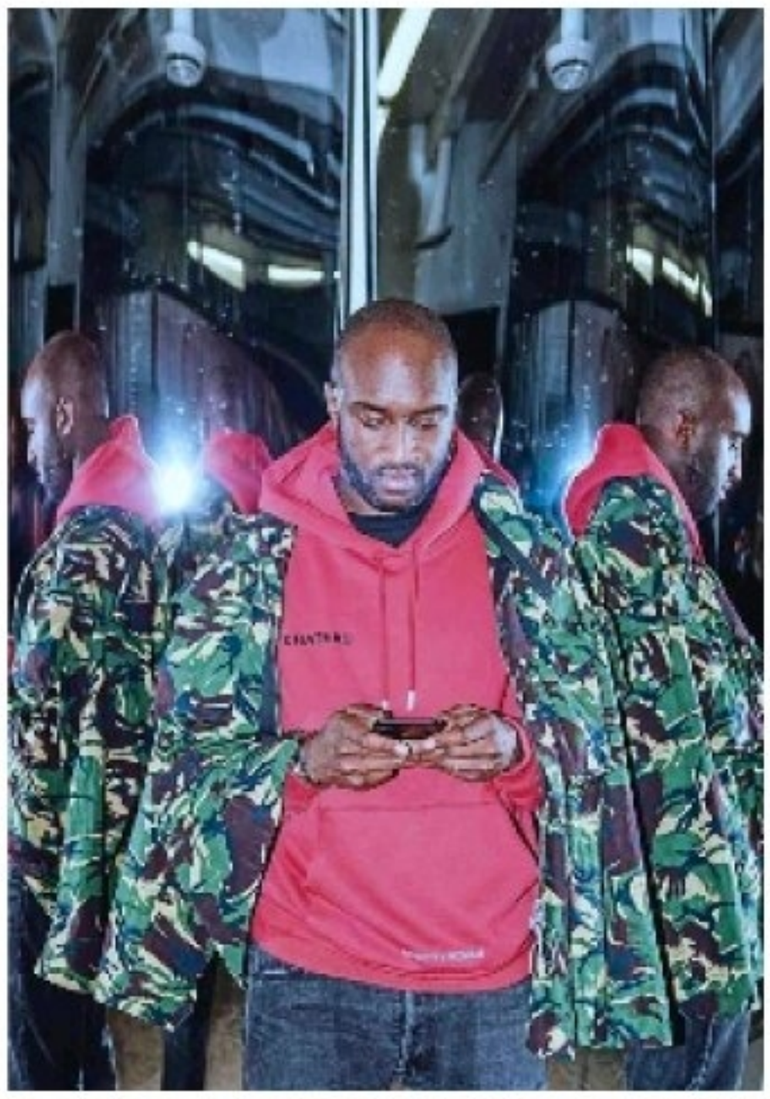
He saw the event as a way to empower his audience and sees Off White as way to break down institutional walls that keep young, hungry creators out.

"I basically want to multiply this whole room into a series of people who could be up here … that's what Off White is," he said.

To date, Off White has six shops globally: in Hong Kong, Tokyo, Shanghai, London, Beijing and Seoul. The Toronto store is set to open at 83 Yorkville Ave. in mid-2017.

Whether the space will be a creative hub or focused only on commerce remains to be seen, but, for me, its location speaks louder than words.

Nichole Jankowski is a journalist who's worked across Canada on the front lines of the luxury retail industry. She writes weekly about the Toronto marketplace for Metro.



Virgil Abloh wearing an Off White camo jacket and hoodie from his FW16 womenswear collection titled "You're obviously in the wrong place," a line from 1990's Pretty Woman.
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Lawyer acquitted of trafficking drugs

A legal battle that lasted nearly five years and outraged the city's criminal defence bar came to a close Wednesday when Toronto lawyer Deryk Gravesande was acquitted of smuggling marijuana to a former client in jail.

Courtroom spectators, many of them lawyers, whispered "yes" when Ontario Court Justice Jonathan Brunet — brought in from Ottawa — found Gravesande not guilty of drug trafficking. In a lengthy ruling, he said the Crown's case was "well short of the criminal standard of proof."

The decision stood in stark contrast to that of a different judge — Wayne Rabley, from London — who found Gravesande guilty of the same offence in 2014. Rabley's verdict was overturned by the Court of Appeal in 2015, leading to the second trial before Brunet that began last week.

"Today's acquittal is a just and appropriate outcome. This has been a long ordeal for Mr. Gravesande and he is glad it is finally over," said his lawyer, Scott Hutchison.

A lawyer for more than two decades, Gravesande had been accused of smuggling 58 grams of marijuana in eight cellophane-wrapped packages as well as a parcel of lidocaine, some rolled marijuana cigarettes and a piece of cellophane with lubricant on it to a former client, Joacquin Rowe, when he visited him at the Toronto (Don) Jail.

Gravesande, who denied on the stand that he supplied the drugs, was sentenced to two years in prison by Rabley in 2014, although he was granted bail pending his appeal. A unanimous three-judge panel of the Court of Appeal lambasted Rabley's reasoning in overturning the conviction.

They pointed out that the correctional officers admitted that they did not follow proper protocols for searching the interview room and Rowe prior to the prisoner speaking with Gravesande.

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Toronto's Trevor Stratton will be among the advocates sharing their stories during next month's campaign for HIV prevention in indigenous communities. CONTRIBUTED

Engaging in HIV talks

HEALTH

Rising rates in indigenous people linked to stigma

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Trevor Stratton understands what it's like to live with stigma.

As an indigenous person living with HIV for 26 years, the Toronto resident has often felt "isolated and desperate" because of his health status.

"When everyone says you deserve it and stuff like that, it affects your confidence and self-esteem," said Stratton, coordinator of the International Indigenous Working Group on HIV-AIDS.

The HIV rate among indigenous people in Canada is 2.7 times higher than the general population, according to the nation's public health agency.

In addition to poverty and a lack of education, Stratton said stigma is another factor contributing to rising HIV rates among indigenous people. People won't disclose their HIV-positive status, or avoid getting tested altogether out of fear of discrimination, he said.

But Stratton is working to change that narrative.

Next month he'll be part of a national campaign organized by the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network. As part of Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week, the group will hold discussions with indigenous people in different cities about HIV prevention.

"My personal hope is to convince more people to go for testing," Stratton said. "I'm really concerned about people who don't know their status because they are likely to spread HIV without even knowing."

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A FEW WORDS FROM THE DESIGN TEAM

What is this year's theme and how was the process to choose it?

This year's focus was about showcasing incredible fashion. Eternal winter started with the basis of traditional holiday activities such as ice skating. From that, we built an environment of textural wool, felt and cotton in white.

How far in advance do you start planning?

We begin planning our holiday displays at the height of summer. The work took approximately five months, beginning to end and from planning to execution.

How many people were involved?

Too many to count at a national level. Each store has a full team that works around the clock.

What is the most challenging aspect?

The most challenging aspect of the work is having so many creative people on our teams that it's difficult to focus on just a few great ideas. We also always work through design development months in advance so when it comes to installing, everything runs smoothly. Regarding the material, we ordered all the white felt that was available in North America to make holiday happen.

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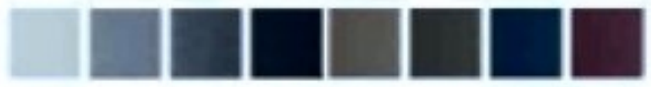

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MUNICIPAL ISSUES

New 47-ward council chosen over mayor's status quo 44

Council will grow by three members after council approved new ward boundaries on Wednesday.

Despite last minute attempts on the chamber floor to redraw some of the lines in Scarborough and a push for fewer politicians at city hall, council overwhelmingly adopted recommendations from consultants in a 28-to-13 vote.

The 47-ward option approved was the consultant's recommendation to balance uneven populations in the current 44-ward system.

The consultants wrote that increase in wards and redrawing of lines would not only achieve voter parity — where each ballot cast and each vote made by elected officials matters equally — but minimizes change and "manages to keep many communities of interest together."

Mayor John Tory voted against the 47-ward option, preferring 44 wards.

His executive earlier backed the 47-ward option, the first time they have broken with the mayor on any big issue.

The changes to keep ward sizes consistent — between 51,850 and 70,150 people by 2026 — are planned to be in place for the 2018 election.

The boundaries will be subject to any appeals at the Ontario Municipal Board, the quasi-judicial provincial body that deals with land use, planning and other disputes.

A bylaw must be passed by Dec. 31, 2017 for the boundaries to be changed before the 2018 vote.

The changes collapse three wards representing the Davenport and Parkdale neighbourhoods currently represented by Councillors Cesar Palacio, Ana Bailao and Gord Perks into two wards.

Palacio voted against the 47-ward option. Bailao and Perks voted in favour.

The new boundaries leave seven wards untouched and also create a new ward in North York.

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New electoral map

Toronto's revised ward boundaries are intended to even out the size of ward populations.

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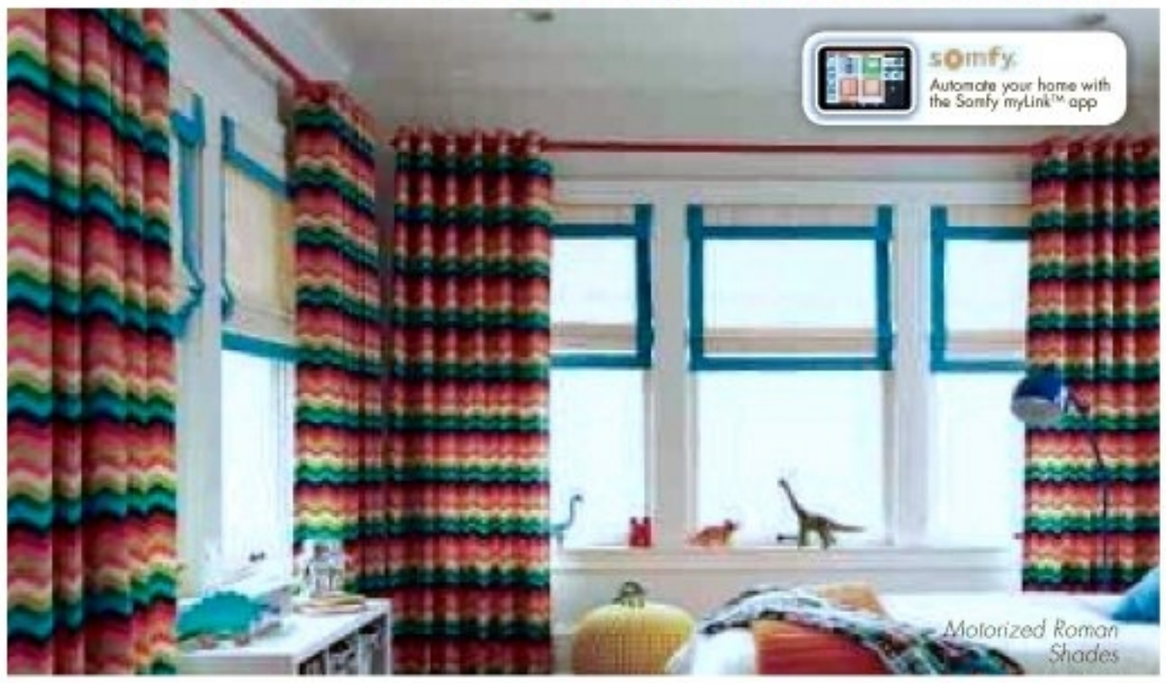

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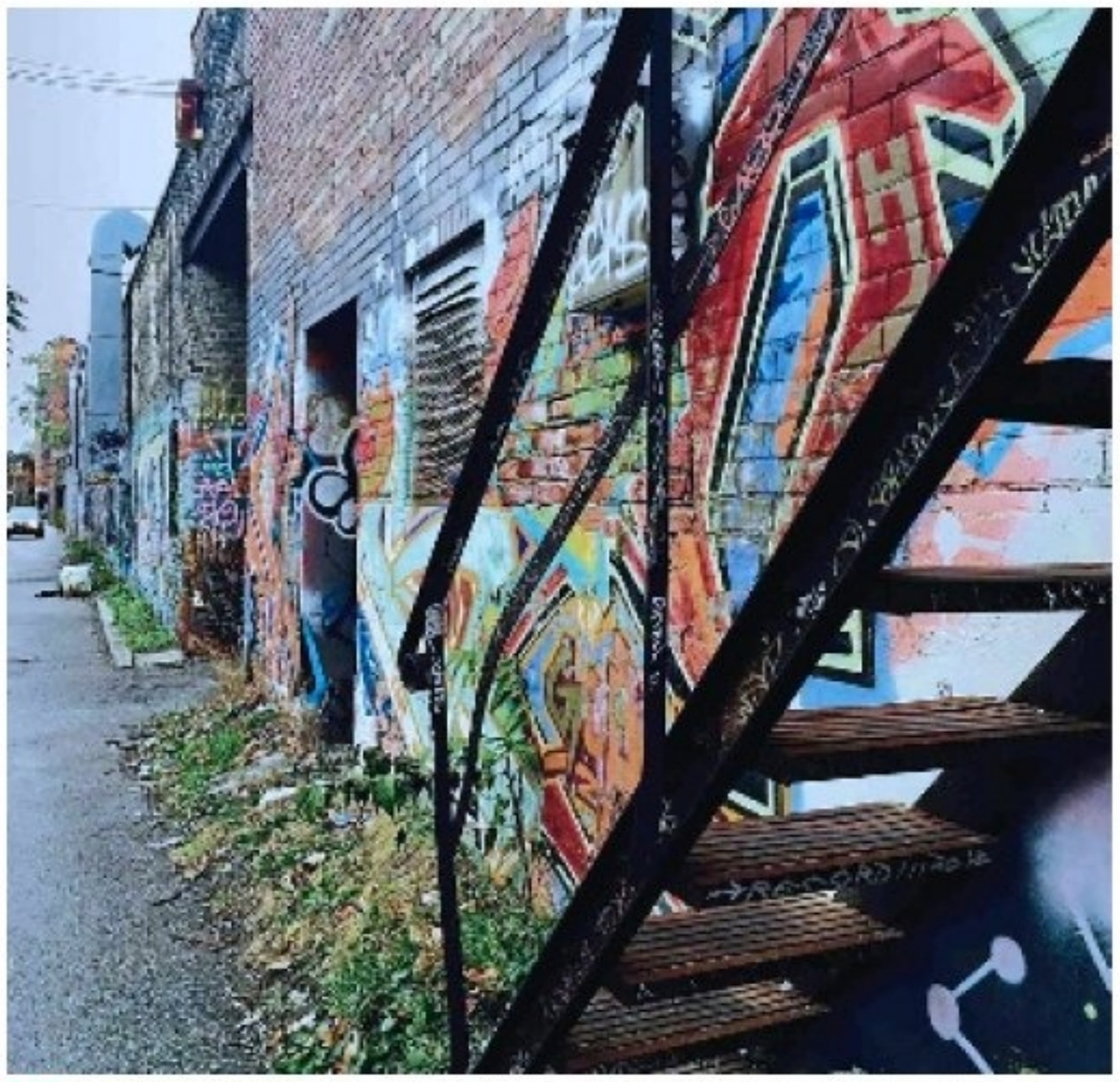

ART A LENS ON LANES The Laneway Project, a group working to transform Toronto's alleyways into more vibrant public spaces, has put an open call out to photographers. Through Nov. 23, the organization is running a photo contest asking for pictures that reveal the "untapped potential of Toronto's laneways." COURTESY ARIANA CANCELLI/THE LANEWAY PROJECT

Invictus Games more than just T.O.

VETERANS

Event's head hoping for support across the country

As Canada remembers its soldiers this Friday, the head of Toronto's Invictus Games, set for September, is calling for the country-wide support and recognition to continue beyond Remembrance Day.

The annual international sporting event is open to veterans and serving military members who have become sick or injured through their work.

This fall, Toronto's edition of Invictus will see competitions in a dozen sports, with hundreds of athletes competing from almost 20 countries.

Michael Burns, chief executive officer of the Toronto games, said when his team pitched the bid to hold the event, it emphasized that all Canada would take on the role of hosting, not just the city.

The games will come during a big year for the country, with 2017 marking its 150th birthday and the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

The first edition of the games was held two years ago in London, England, launched by Prince Harry after he was inspired by a similar competition in the U.S.

Burns wants the Toronto event to go beyond a sporting competition, and serve as a continuing push for Canadians to acknowledge the country's soldiers, their service and their families.

"What we are really delivering is therapy that we hope will help these men and women in other aspects of their lives long after the games have come and gone," he said.

For Joe Guindon, the Invictus Games in Florida last year managed to do that.

Guindon served as a Canadian military policeman and soldier. While with the army, he suffered from herniated and degenerative disks and he has since been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress injury.

Prince Harry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He said those injuries left him uninspired and angry.

Worried about how long the people close to him would stick around, he says he needed something to get him up and motivated again.

When he competed in archery at Invictus in 2016, the event was the kickstart he needed to get his life back on track.

"I have feelings other than being numb or mad, times when I'm clearly happy or times when I cry because of sad news, which is something I couldn't do before."

He hopes to compete in the games again this year.

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Mixed abilities live on stage

THEATRE

Performers share own real stories of love, violence, sex

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

Tony Diamanti, left, is non-verbal, but thanks to a device on his head that allows him to spell out words, he "never shuts up." Dan Watson, right, one of the play's producers, stars as his real-life self: father of a young boy with cerebral palsy. COURTESY LACEY CREIGHTON

Every day, Dan Watson and his wife Christina share the work of getting their son Bruno, who has cerebral palsy, dressed for school in the morning.

Now, they'll be doing it front of a live audience.

They star in This is the Point, a new play from Ahuri Theatre, which opens at the Theatre Centre on Queen West this week. It's radically autobiographical: Dan and Christina are playing themselves, acting out scenes from their real lives.

So too are Tony Diamanti, a writer, and Liz MacDougall, a caterer, the other two stars. They're long-time romantic partners who both happen to have cerebral palsy. Tony is non-verbal, but thanks to a device that allows him to spell out words with a rod attached to his head, he "never shuts up."

"People can expect to hear stories about love, about parenthood, about sex, about violence. There's a balance of very dramatic, harder stories, and humour and joy," Watson said. "Disability doesn't mean all doom and gloom. We do a lot of the same things; we do it differently. People will see the fun that people with disabilities can have in their lives."

The theatre has taken extra care to be accessible to people of all abilities. Performances on Nov. 12 and 19 will have an American Sign Language interpreter relaying the action for deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons, and on Nov. 10 and 17 there will be audio-visually described performances to help people with visual impairments follow the story.

All the shows will be somewhat relaxed: It's understood that people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, such as autism, might speak or make noise during the play, and they're welcome to come and go or get up from their seats if they need to.

IF YOU GO

- This is The Point runs at the Theatre Centre (1115 Queen St. W.) from Tuesday to Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Nov. 20.
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'Living musical' traces pride and strife in Regent Park

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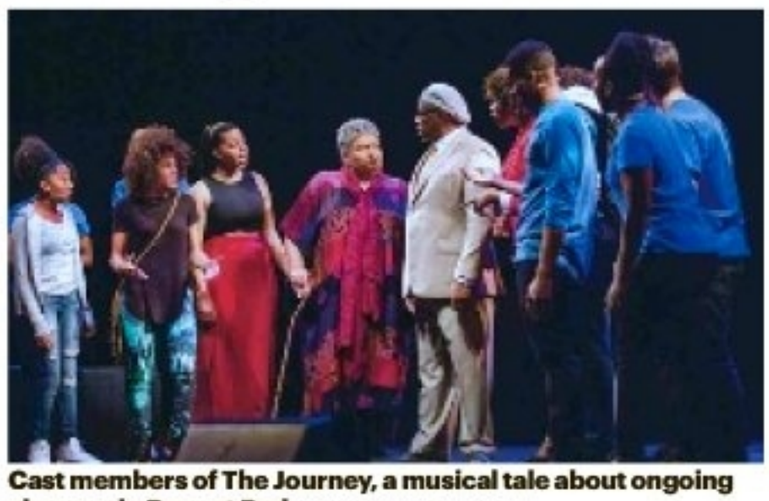

Cast members of The Journey, a musical tale about ongoing changes in Regent Park. COURTESY LINDA STELLA

Growing up in Toronto's Regent Park, Stacy Darko loved the strong sense of community she always felt.

She didn't realize it had a reputation for gangs and violence until she left the neighbourhood in her early teens.

"People look at you in a different way when you say you're from Regent Park," she recalled.

Now, Darko is playing one of the lead roles in The Journey, a musical about the downtown Toronto neighbourhood about the ongoing and, at times, controversial revitalization of the neighbourhood.

She describes the play as a "living musical" that gives her a chance to show some of that community spirit to the outside world.

> People look at you a different way if you're from Regent Park.
> Stacy Darko

The show has been taking the stage annually for the past three years and, each time, it changes a little based on what's happening in the neighbourhood, Darko said.

Written by Mitchell Cohen, it features some young actors who, like Darko, grew up there and doesn't shy away from "the nitty gritty" that comes with ongoing efforts to turn the once solely social-housing area into a mixed-use neighbourhood.

"To be able to do something on my home territory was a very proud experience," said Britta B., a spoken-word poet who's lived in Regent Park for six years and is part of the cast.

"It's really a spark to have the community share their own stories and their connections to the neighbourhood."

DETAILS

The Journey runs Nov. 16-19 at Daniels Spectrum with other free shows planned for community members.

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From the mouths of children: 'It's not fair'

DONALD TRUMP

Teacher tries to explain the U.S. election results to class

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

Soteira Hortop's Grade 5 class at The Linden School in Toronto has been discussing the American election throughout the campaign. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

Inside the sunny yellow walls of her Grade 5 classroom, 10-year-old Isobel Scott politely interrupted her teacher with a burning question.

"Do you think if she'd been a boy the results would have been different?" she asked shyly.

It's the type of question that many parents and teachers were fielding Wednesday morning, as America, and the rest of the world woke up to the reality of a Donald Trump presidency.

Teacher Soteira Hortop doesn't shy away from addressing her young students' questions head on in her classroom at private, all-girl The Linden School in Toronto.

"The kids are pretty attuned to what's happening in the news and are asking lots of questions and having conversations at home," she said.

Wednesday was no different.

Hortop has been trying to explain that the election doesn't come down to just one person.

"That it's not actually one person with really negative views but that actually those views are shared maybe more than we'd like to admit, and we need to look at creating change around those issues not just talking about that one particular representative," she said.

The class is planning a fundraiser to raise money for Planned Parenthood, as it's an organization Trump has threatened to cut funding to.

"We wanted to do this because Planned Parenthood does so much for women and Donald Trump doesn't really support women as much as he does with men," said 10-year old Maya Caporali-Crowe.

Caporali-Crowe worries about what will happen with climate change under a Trump presidency, a problem she and her classmates will feel the brunt of.

Others in the class, like nine-year-old Meredith Steep, wondered how people could elect someone who has bragged about sexually assaulting women.

"It's not fair," Steep said. "Women and girls, they deserve to be treated equally."

Hortop said the conversations have been difficult to have with children so young, but they're important "because of the world that these girls live in."

Steep, who dreams of being "on TV, in a good way" when she grows up, wonders if Clinton will run again.

"Girls dream so big," she said. "It would show how determined girls can be."

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Sofia Leclair

Here, we talk about women and rights for women, and I think that not lots of people respect women because they have different bodies than men.

Maya Caporali-Crowe

Why couldn't she have run for president? She was living in the White House for eight years and she had a lot of practice of being around the president.

Emily Reedy

Trump said that he would build a wall between Mexico and the U.S. but I think that would be really hard to get Mexico to pay for.

Meredith Steep

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LIFE LESSONS

Parents say it's a tough talk

The election is proving to be a challenging teachable moment for some parents who are struggling to explain the surprising results to their curious children.

But at least they can comfort their youngsters with the fact they live in a country that has embraced much different values than the divisive ones that marked the U.S. campaign, says Oakville, Ont., dad Jason Little.

The morning after America elected Donald Trump as its next president, Little says his nine-year-old daughter stunned him by asking whether Trump would start a world war.

"I only cared about baseball at that age. It's just really a hard conversation to start," Little said Wednesday.

He says his daughter had been following Hillary Clinton's bid to become the country's first female president, but she didn't take her loss as a signal that women can't be leaders.

"For her, it's more: he's a bad person, she's a good person," he says. "She was more, I think, mixed in her response — disappointed, sad, angry, all at the same time."

Little says he and his wife tried to emphasize their belief that people are generally good, despite the misogyny, xenophobia and racial hatred that marked Trump's campaign. Little stressed that there would be enough people around Trump to prevent anything bad from happening, but admits his kids are exposed to a surprising amount of political hyperbole thanks to chatter at school and the YouTube stars they follow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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‘Give him a chance’: Tory’s view on president-elect

ELECTION

But mayor is concerned about possible impact on local economy

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Toronto Mayor John Tory is crossing his fingers that Donald Trump won’t keep all his campaign promises.

“Toronto is the economic engine of the country and anything he would do to damage the economy would be of concern to us,” the mayor told Metro on Wednesday. “But when people get to office, their behaviour is moderated by the fact that they hold the office, and I certainly hope that’s the case here.”

Tory said that “like many people,” he was “dismayed” by comments Trump made about women, immigrants, Muslims and Hispanic people during the lengthy presidential campaign.

He was also concerned by Trump’s protectionist platform — he pledged to renegotiate free trade deals with Canada and tighten border security — which Tory said could impact the local economy, as the U.S. accounts for 80 per cent of all Ontario exports.

However, the mayor believes the Trump we saw on the campaign trail won’t be the same one who sits in the Oval Office.

In particular, he was buoyed by conciliatory comments Trump made early Wednesday morning during his victory speech.

“I want to give him a chance to see if he does what he said last night, and that was to be president for all the people and to work with other countries, including Canada,” he said.

Regardless of the policies Trump pursues, Tory plans to continue conducting trade missions to the U.S. to drum up business.

Mayor John Tory believes the Trump we saw during the election campaign won’t be the same one we see in the White House. MELISSA RENWICK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

“I will continue to tell the story of Toronto because I want people to come here and invest,” he said. Trump’s unexpected victory is being hailed by pundits as evidence of just how fractured America is.

It’s a situation, albeit on a different scale, that Tory can relate to, having been elected after the divisive and tumultuous tenure of former mayor Rob Ford.

The mayor said Toronto is taking steps to heal its own divisions by enhancing poverty reduction programs and expanding transit.

“When you’re building transit … you’re building lines that connect people to opportunity. Marginalized neighbourhoods won’t be isolated anymore and it will give people living there a better chance to get a good, secure job,” he said.

As a result, the mayor is confident the kind of politics that helped catapult Trump into the office won’t rear its head in Toronto.

“The bottom line is those kinds of conscious, proactive attempts to divide people don’t work well here because I don’t think people buy into them.”

REACTION

Councillors slam Donald Trump as ‘bigot’

Councillors slam Trump as a “bigot”

Other Toronto council members were far less measured than the mayor in their assessment of the U.S. election.

In a Facebook message to his constituents, Ward 20 Coun. Joe Cressy said he woke up Wednesday “sick to his stomach.”

“Yesterday’s election was terrifying, but our vision of a more open and inclusive world does not end with the election of a bigot as president. Instead, it must fuel us to work harder and love each other deeper,” Cressy wrote.

In an interview with Metro, Coun. Josh Matlow said he was “shocked and saddened by the election results.”

“I’m concerned the election of a candidate that espoused hateful rhetoric might send a cue to some Canadian politicians that it’s in some way acceptable here or that it will benefit their electoral ambitions,” Matlow said.

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Many housing analysts wouldn’t predict the impact of Trump’s ascendancy.

“It’s too early to know what it means for Canadian housing markets. Nobody knows what it means for the Canadian economy writ large, let alone housing markets across the country,” said a statement from Canadian Real Estate Association chief economist Gregory Klump.

But for those who already see Canada as an attractive, stable place, the U.S. election could heighten that perception, said Royal LePage CEO Phil Soper.

A Canadian who has lived in New York and California, he said he was, like many people, “shocked and stunned” by the result.

But, he said, “Our brand — call it strong, fair, tolerant and welcoming — could stand out even more clearly now as a desired place to invest capital in real property.

“Countries compete for immigrants, those with the best skills and resources, and differentiation could be very helpful for Canada. A Trump-led America will look very different from Canada,” said Soper.

In Canada, there are mixed feelings about the impact of foreign real estate investment. While it helped drive up the temperature on the country’s hottest markets in Vancouver and the Toronto area, it has been criticized for pushing prices beyond the means of ordinary families.

In B.C. a 15 per cent tax on non-Canadian resident buyers has shocked the market. This week, Ontario Finance Minister Charles Sousa said he isn’t looking at a similar tax here, but he is expected to announce new assistance for first-time buyers in an economic statement on Monday.

While there were a few nervous guffaws during the campaign about Americans seeking refuge in Canada if Trump won the presidency, that’s highly unlikely, said James McKellar, a professor of real estate and infrastructure at York University’s Schulich School of Business.

“Americans really don’t know much about Canada. It’s just not on the radar,” he said.

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POLITICS

Wynne says election result ‘puts so much at risk’

A “shocked” premier Kathleen Wynne is expressing hope U.S. president-elect Donald Trump’s anti-trade rhetoric was just campaign bluster.

Speaking to the Star on Wednesday, Wynne said she is “worried” about Trump’s threat to rip up the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) that is so vital to Ontario’s economy.

“My biggest fear … is the trade relationship,” the premier said, mindful the United States is far and away the province’s most important trading partner accounting for 80.5 per cent of Ontario exports.“The degree that this undermines a North American strategy, I think we have to worry about that,” said Wynne, noting Ontario’s thriving auto industry is so entwined with that of Michigan they are interdependent.

The premier also said she was concerned about the impact of a Trump presidency and a Republican Congress on efforts to tackle climate change because the incoming president has claimed global warming is a “Chinese hoax” perpetrated to hobble American manufacturing.

“We’ve made a lot of progress on the climate change discussion globally and if we’ve got a president who really doesn’t see the importance of that, it puts so much at risk,” she said.

To reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Ontario has entered into a cap-and-trade system with Quebec and California that other states and provinces could join.

“Those sub-national relationships become even more important,” she said, adding national governments are also essential to the crusade.

Quebec premier Philippe Couillard, who also would have preferred a Hillary Clinton victory, said the future of the fight against climate change, as well as cooperation with Ontario and California on a carbon market, are sources of “uncertainty” and “worry.”On the Paris Accord — the global climate change deal recently ratified — Couillard said while it is easier for Trump to say he will withdraw from it than actually do so.

“The United States is clearly a major partner. It is an unavoidable player. But I see things like China making a move toward setting up a national carbon market. It will be difficult for a great country like the United States to ignore that,” the Quebec premier said.

Premier Kathleen Wynne EDUARDO LIMA /THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wynne, for her part, emphasized there are lessons for leaders around the globe from Trump’s surprise victory that few pollsters had foreseen.

“We can’t take anything for granted on any side of the political spectrum,” she said, pointing out that “this election puts a lot of that perceived wisdom in context” when it comes to polling.

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What a Trump win means for Canada

Canada's close relationship with America has been rattled by the election of Donald Trump. Canadians are worried about how Trump's campaign promises — if fulfilled — could reverberate north of the border. Here are the key issues to watch and what Trump has said about each.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 TRADE

Trump made radically overhauling U.S. trade arrangements a key issue in his campaign, and this issue could have the greatest effect on Canada after he takes power. The president-elect campaigned on a pledge to force Canada and Mexico to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement, to provide greater benefits to U.S. businesses.

If the countries don't agree on a new deal, Trump has promised to leave NAFTA completely. Combined with a pledge to withdraw from Trans-Pacific Partnership talks and take a more aggressive line on trade with China, Trump pitched isolationism and independence as a way to increase jobs, fix crumbling infrastructure, even reduce crime.

Approximately $51 billion in goods cross the Canada-U.S. border per month, according to TD Economics.

2 CLIMATE CHANGE

Hard-won progress in the fight against climate change will be dramatically rolled back if Trump sticks to his word.

Trump vowed to back the United States out of the 2015 Paris agreement, a landmark international climate treaty aimed at curbing emissions and limiting global temperature increases. Trump has also pledged to revive the coal industry, relax restrictions on polluters, and expand exploration and drilling for fossil fuels.

The Paris agreement, ratified by the House of Commons in October, commits almost 200 nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with a goal of limiting global temperature increases to under 2 degrees Celsius. The U.S. and China, the world's two largest emitters of greenhouse gasses, were crucial to reaching the deal.

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3 FOREIGN POLICY

Canada is re-engaging with the UN on climate change, Syrian refugees, and peace operations, just as Trump has signalled America is hunkering down to look after itself.

Trump promised to stem not just Mexican immigration but to ban Muslims from entering the U.S. He called Syrian refugees a terrorist "Trojan horse" threatening public safety and America's "quality of life." Canada accepted nearly 34,000 Syrian refugees since November 2015. Mexicans will soon be able to travel more freely to Canada when Ottawa drops its Mexican visa requirement on Dec. 1.

4 ECONOMY

Global financial markets twitched early Wednesday on news that Trump had emerged the surprise victor.

But Trump's long-term plan to boost the U.S. economy — creating 25 million jobs and spurring growth through tax cuts and infrastructure spending — could help boost Canada's economic fortunes, too, if the president-elect can make it happen, said Craig Alexander, senior vice-president and chief economist at the Conference Board of Canada.

"That should help lift economic growth and to the extent that happens, that's really good for Canada," Alexander said.

The election of a Republican president and a Republican-controlled Congress may also breathe new life into the Keystone XL pipeline.

5 THE BORDER

Trump vows to build a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border but rejected a wall on the border with Canada as too long, too expensive, and unnecessary.

Yet it's far from clear if a Trump administration will honour deals to ensure a thinner, smoother border to the north. Canada and the U.S. have a "perimeter" approach to economic and border security that saw countless travel and security screening procedures harmonized. Bills to enable more information-sharing on entries and exits, and more pre-clearance of cross-border travellers are now before Parliament and the U.S. Congress. Canadian Ambassador David McNaughton is "quite optimistic" a lame-duck Congress will pass the necessary legislation because of bipartisan support before a new administration takes over.

Political 'refugees' possible: Expert

A Donald Trump presidency could prompt a flow of politically motivated American emigrants akin to the Vietnam war era, though passionate first impulses to leave may cool as the new leader's agenda unfolds, say political observers and immigration experts.

Donald Savoie — a Canadian political economist who was at his second home in Florida as the vote occurred — says some U.S. citizens may consider applying to move to Canada if Trump follows through on proposed policies such as mass deportations of illegal immigrants or the reopening of international trade agreements.

> People are afraid and it's hard to treat it light-heartedly.
> Rob Calabrese

"There's no question some Americans will say we can't live under these circumstances and we may see what we saw in the ... late 60s during the Vietnam war," he said. "I wouldn't take that to the bank right away ... But if he does what he says he wants to do there's no question there will be a bit of chaos and some Americans will say, 'we want out of here.'"

Savoie is a political economist at the University of Moncton who has authored one book on Canada's democracy, is working on a separate book that looks at the democratic system in both nations, and has observed multiple U.S. elections from his southern home.

In Nova Scotia, a radio announcer who created the "Cape Breton if Donald Trump Wins" website says he had about 150 emails late last night as the U.S. election results came in, including some from Americans who say they feel fearful about continuing to live in the United States.

"People are afraid and it's hard to treat it light-heartedly when people are feeling so afraid," Rob Calabrese said.

Calabrese says he will rename his site and expects he'll continue referring inquiries to official websites where would-be Cape Bretoners can pursue work opportunities and apply for immigration status.

Several emails he read out loud were from Americans saying they no longer felt comfortable in states dominated by Republican politicians. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Interest in 'moving to Canada' spikes

Irene Kuan
Metro | Toronto

Americans threatened to move to Canada as soon as they heard Donald Trump was in the running to become their next president. This may be why the Canadian Immigration website crashed on Tuesday night, when he beat Hillary Clinton and was voted President-elect.

The search term "moving to Canada" spiked at the stroke of midnight on Nov. 9, and again at 4 a.m. EST, according to Google Trends, but data shows both Americans and Canadians were looking up the topic.

The trends chart also showed people in Minnesota, Washington and New Hampshire — all blue states — searching the term.

Although mostly Americans were searching the term, it was also trending among Canucks, specifically in the British Columbia cities of Coquitlam, Langley, Delta, Richmond and Vancouver.

PM Justin Trudeau speaks at WE Day in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trudeau puts best foot forward after results

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is choosing to highlight the one goal he has in common with Donald Trump — improving the lot of the embattled middle class — as his government comes to grips with the unexpected prospect of a U.S. president who shares few of the Liberals' values or policies.

"We share a purpose, our two countries, where we want to build places where the middle class and those working hard to join it have a chance," Trudeau told a WE Day rally Wednesday.

"The fact is, we've heard clearly from Canadians and from Americans that people want a shared shot at success," he said. "People want to succeed. People want to know that themselves, that their families, that their kids, that their grandkids will be able to succeed and we need to work together to get that."

Trump overcame concerns about his unstable temperament and misogynistic conduct by exploiting working-class white Americans' fear of immigrants and terrorism and their anger at the so-called establishment elites they believe are reaping the benefits of free trade and globalization at their expense.

He promised to deport millions of illegal immigrants, to block Muslims from entering the country, to tear up the North American Free Trade Agreement and to withdraw the United States from the international climate change agreement to reduce carbon emissions.

Trudeau is in many ways the anti-Trump, a self-described feminist who won power with his "sunny ways," touting the virtues of hope over fear, diversity, free trade and increased acceptance of immigrants and refugees.

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Hillary Clinton speaks on Wednesday after her defeat in the U.S. election. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

One day, 'hardest glass ceiling' will shatter

Clinton urges unity among divided nation

Gone was the ballroom with a soaring glass ceiling, the confetti and the celebrity guest stars. Instead, Hillary Clinton looked out to a group of grief-stricken aides and tearful supporters, as she acknowledged her stunning loss of the presidency to Donald Trump.

"This is painful," Clinton said, her voice crackling with emotion, "and it will be for a long time." But she told her faithful to accept Trump and the election results, urging them to give him "an open mind and a chance to lead."

Before Clinton took the stage at a New York City hotel, top aides filed in, eyes red and shoulders slumped, as they tried to process the celebrity businessman's shocking win after a campaign that appeared poised until Election Day to make Clinton the first woman elected U.S. president.

Clinton, who twice sought the presidency, told women: "I know we have still not shattered that highest and hardest glass ceiling. But someday, someone will and hopefully sooner than we might think right now." Her remarks brought to mind her 2008 concession speech after the Democratic primaries in which she spoke of putting "18 million cracks" in the glass ceiling.

"To all the little girls who are watching this, never doubt that you are valuable and powerful and deserving of every chance and opportunity in the world to pursue and achieve your own dreams," she said as her husband, former President Bill Clinton, stood wistfully by her side.

In perhaps a subtle nod to bridging the red state and blue state divide, Clinton wore a purple blouse and a dark blazer with a purple lapel while her husband wore a purple tie.

Flanked by her husband, daughter Chelsea Clinton and running mate Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, Clinton said she had offered to work with Trump on behalf of a country that she acknowledged was "more deeply divided than we thought."

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'You could feel the enthusiasm'

Josie Lukey
For Metro | Calgary

> **I would have liked to have spent more time helping out their cause.**
> Rob Anders

Rob Anders was sitting in a Carl's Jr. in Tucson, Ariz. eating a hamburger with an 83-year-old 'biker momma' when he realized how much of an impact he made.

Driving all the way down from Calgary to Tucson, Anders had one purpose in mind: stump for Trump.

So on the day leading up to the election, Anders stopped in at the Republican office in Pima County where he called hundreds of people to educate and remind them to get their ballots in by 7 p.m. the following day. He also drove Americans to polling stations on election day — including his newfound biker momma friend.

"I would have liked to have spent more time helping out their cause. Had I been able to, I would have spent weeks," said Anders.

His decision to roll down to the U.S. to support now President-elect Donald Trump was spurred by his belief in lower taxes and second amendment rights.

Often a controversial Canadian political figure, Anders said he was motivated to help because of Trump's proposed tax cuts — something he wanted to ensure Americans were able to enjoy.

Anders is also president of the Firearms Institute for Rational Education, and said having the right to own a firearm is fundamental.

"I think that freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of worship, are all dependant upon the ability to defend oneself and to have a firearm. (Trump) was very strong with regard to his thoughts on that," said Anders.

On election night, Anders said he spent the night anxiously waiting for the results to come in and when the Trump presidency was announced, he cheered with a number of supporters.

"You could feel the enthusiasm."

Bitcoin values surge

The U.S. election results have proven to be a boon to Bitcoin investors — the value of the digital currency jumped up three per cent as the election results rolled in on Tuesday night.

This is while other markets around the globe were taking a downward turn.

Benjamin Perrin, Bitcoin investor and organizer of Calgary's Bitcoin meet up group, said the currency has become a hedge for market uncertainty.

For a long-time investor like Perrin, the spike was expected.

"You do see new people coming in, and they're freaking out over a $30 or $40 price swing. You get a lot of, 'oh, you must be new here.'"

Perrin feels Bitcoin is almost like a 'out' for people who want to protect themselves from an uncertainty in the current system.

After the initial shock of the Trump presidency, Perrin thinks that Bitcoin values will return to business as usual. The currency has been increasing in value since 2015.

"Anybody who's a professional day trader that's trying to ride the volatility — they're having a fantastic time."

AARON CHATHA/METRO

Keystone may be back on the table

A Keystone pipeline might be back on the table after President Donald Trump takes office, but Trump himself may present a few new hurdles in the process.

Even though Trump indicated during his campaign that he would be in favour of Keystone, economist Glen Hodgson, with the Conference Board of Canada, said the president-elect has proven himself to be a very shrewd negotiator.

"Trump is all about the art of the deal and maximizing his own advantage," Hodgson said. "We shouldn't be surprised if more conditions are put on the table."

Hodgson has a feeling that proponents of the projects will have to reconsider the business model, in terms of ownership, supply, governance structure and other elements.

But it's better than a straightforward "no."

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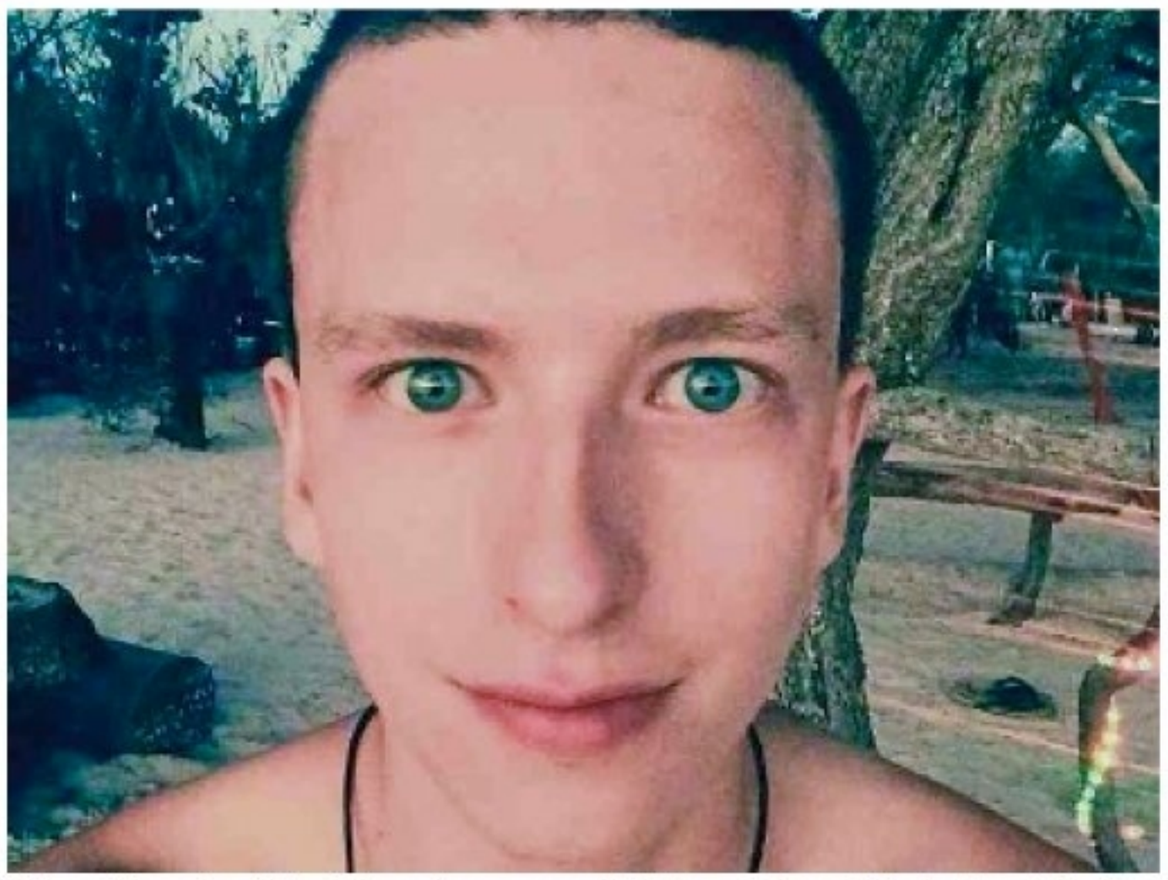

Calgary filmmaker Chris Ball says he was assaulted after results on U.S. election night. He says the received five staples in his head — but said the bloody picture makes his injuries look worse than they really were. FACEBOOK

Canadian assaulted on U.S. election night

CALGARY

Gay filmmaker says he was assaulted by homophobes

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Calgary film producer Chris Ball is coming back from America's presidential election with five staples holding together the gash on top of his head.

Ball spent the evening in a Santa Monica, Calif. bar watching poll results come in. As the election progressed, he said attitudes in the bar became more and more heated — on both sides of the campaign.

"People started launching homophobic slurs at me from afar," he said. "I mean, I kind of got into it, but I didn't want to provoke them."

They were saying things like, 'We got a new president you f-king faggots.'

When he later left the bar, alone, he was walking through an alley when he was jumped by a group of men — one of which smashed a bottle over his head.

He fell back, his head smashing against the concrete, where he blacked out.

"When I came to, I remember waking up and wiping the blood from my eyes. I called some friends, they picked me up and I went right to the hospital," he recalled.

Chris Ball's injuries. FACEBOOK

He was stitched up at the hospital and said he's feeling fine.

In retrospect, Ball doesn't think it was really a political issue — it was a hate issue, fuelled by the charged atmosphere of the election night, with a group of drunk people who used Trump's rhetoric as an excuse to get in a fight.

Obama vows peaceful transition

In an awkward political ritual, President Barack Obama urged the nation Wednesday to join him in rooting for President-elect Donald Trump's success, even as he and his shell-shocked aides prepared to watch a successor undo much of their work.

Conceding Hillary Clinton's loss, Obama vowed to do all he could to facilitate a smooth transition and to ensure Trump would be well-positioned to run the country. He'd congratulated Trump by phone and invited him to sit down together at the White House.

"We all want what's best for this country," Obama said.

Obama delivered his sunny call for unity while standing in the Rose Garden, much as his predecessor President George W. Bush did after Obama's victory in 2008. It was a symbolic moment meant to signal the calm transfer of power from one president to the next.

But it was also a bit of counselling for devastated Democrats. Obama spoke to more than a hundred of his White House staffers, who stood silently, dazed, some crying.

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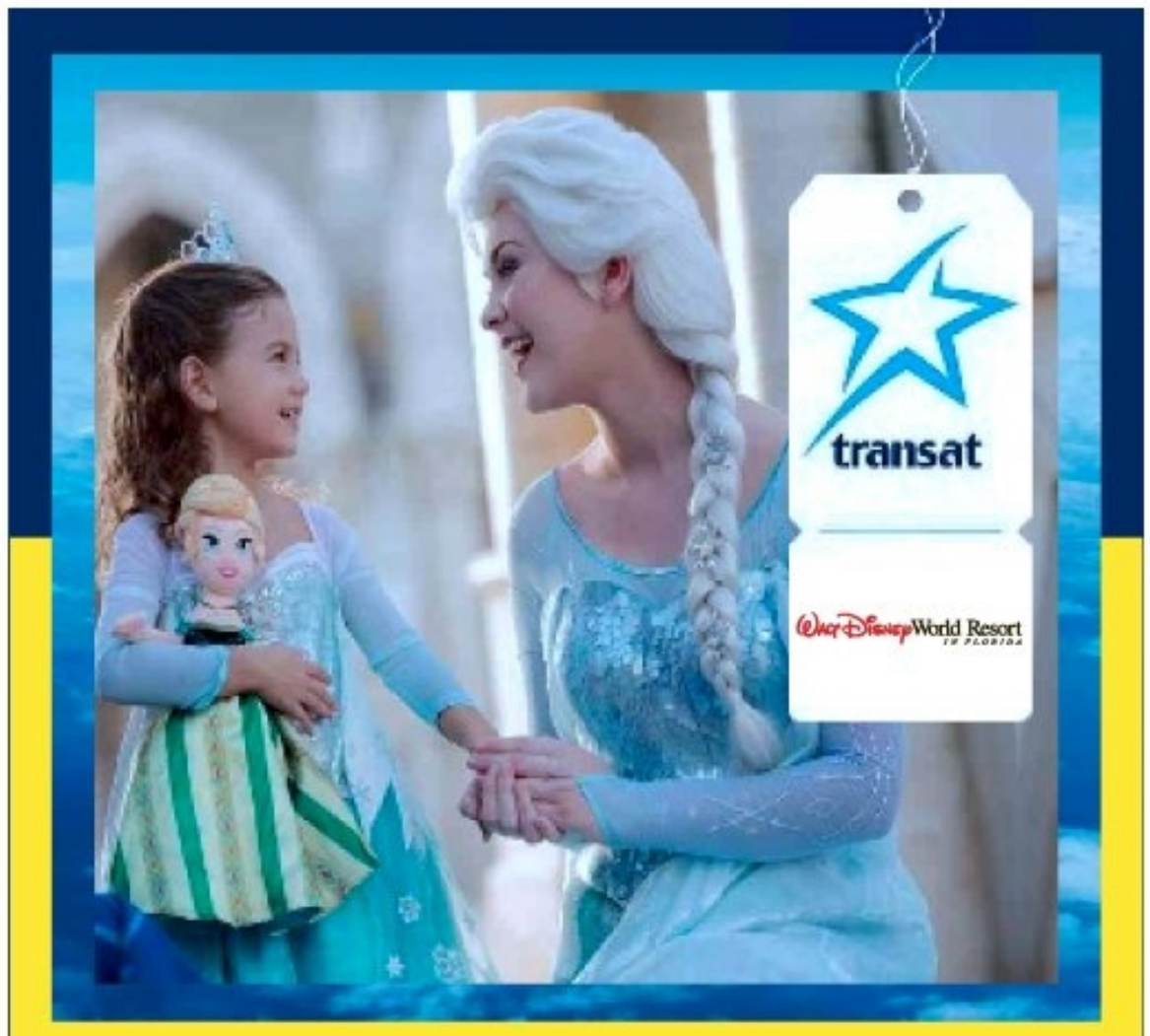
President Barack Obama, together with Vice President Joe Biden, addresses the nation after Donald Trump was elected. AFP/GETTY IMAGES



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Ex-soldier worries her trauma has a legacy

REMEMBRANCE

Sgt. Buckley sees signs of disorder in her child, grandkid

When retired soldier Jacqueline Buckley sees her four-year-old grandson get angry, she can't help but think of her own capacity to explode with rage. She also thinks of the fury that can be unleashed by his mother, her daughter.

The former sergeant believes this is the legacy of her post-traumatic stress disorder, a harrowing psychological wound she was diagnosed with in 2009. She suspects it is buried deep in her family tree.

She notes that her own military dad was a stoic man who refused to discuss what he did during postings to Germany and Cyprus. Their cold relationship was not unlike the one she would forge with her own kids. "I knew he loved me but I don't think I ever felt it," says Buckley, who lives in Carstairs, Alta.

Jacquie Buckley, left, a retired member of the Canadian military, poses with her daughter Teresa Steeves, right, and her grandson Mason Rafuse-Steeves in Calgary. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Now she frets over the fate of her daughter's hyperactive toddler, a rambunctious boy who she suspects may have behavioural issues, as well as his 12-year-old half-sister. Buckley believes they're hobbled by a rocky childhood in which their young mother fell in and out of violent relationships and became addicted to oxycodone and heroin.

Buckley blames part of those struggles on her own poor caregiving skills, which she says went south in 1998. She was part of a grisly mission to analyse dental remains of the victims of Swissair Flight 111, the airliner that smashed into the Atlantic Ocean a few kilometres from Peggys Cove, N.S., killing all 229 people on board.

At the end of a long day at the morgue, Buckley — who was a single mom at the time — would go home, have a bath and cry. Her daughter was aged 10 but Buckley says she "just checked out" as a mother. "I was home but I wasn't there," she says, admitting she "was probably a very mean parent."

"Looking back, I know I love my children but I didn't know how to feel love. I was cold," says Buckley, who was medically released from service in 2010. As the years went on, her anxiety grew "and anger became huge." She had trouble sleeping, pursued toxic relationships, suffered unexpected odour-based flashbacks, and obsessed over indelible memories of human remains.

Today, Buckley suspects her children and grandchildren are mirroring some of her symptoms, believing they suffer from a condition sometimes referred to as vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue, or secondary PTSD. THE CANADIAN PRESS

COURT

Sex assault accused: 'She never said yes'

A man facing trial for the second time in a high-profile sexual assault case said Wednesday his accuser never directly told him it was OK for the two of them to have sex in a bathroom at a house party.

Alexander Scott Wagar, 29, was being cross-examined by Crown prosecutor Janice Walsh, who questioned him about whether he asked the alleged victim at any time if she wanted to have sex with him, or if he felt he needed to do so. "You made those decisions?" Walsh asked.

"I made those decisions. She never said do this or do that. She never said no. She never said 'Stop, I don't want to do this'," answered Wagar.

> **I made those decisions. She never said no to this or no to that.**
> Scott Wagar

"But she never said yes?" "No," he said. "She never said yes directly." He re-enacted in intricate detail how he and the complainant, who was 19 at the time, first had sex on the bathroom counter of a Calgary home in December 2011 and then moved to the shower. Wagar perched on the edge of the witness box and then crouched down, leaning back against it, as he gave a running narrative of what he said happened. He also explained how he lathered the woman up in the shower.

Judge Jerry LeGrandeur cautioned Wagar a couple of times saying he didn't need to go into quite so much detail.

During the original trial, Robin Camp, who was then a provincial court judge, asked the complainant why she couldn't just keep her knees together and told her "pain and sex sometimes go together."

Camp acquitted Wagar in 2014, but the verdict was overturned on appeal and a new trial was ordered. It is being heard by judge alone.

Wagar has insisted during the retrial that the sex was consensual. He testified the two had been smoking pot in the bathroom before it happened and he decided to "go for it."

"She didn't shy away from me," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

‘Afghan Girl’ returns home

AFGHANISTAN

Famed photo subject was deported from Pakistan

Afghanistan’s president on Wednesday welcomed home Sharbat Gulla, National Geographic’s famed green-eyed “Afghan Girl,” just hours after she was deported from Pakistan, the latest in the odyssey of the globally recognized refugee.

Gulla’s deportation came after a regional court in the Pakistani city of Peshawar convicted her on charges of carrying a forged Pakistani ID card and staying in the country illegally.

Gulla’s deportation has drawn international attention and criticism of Pakistani authorities over their perceived harsh treatment of Gulla — and other Afghans who Islamabad says will be expelled as illegal immigrants.

She gained international fame as an Afghan refugee girl in 1984, when war photographer Steve McCurry’s photograph of her, with piercing green eyes, was published on National Geographic’s cover. McCurry found her again in 2002.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, right, gives an apartment key to “Afghan Girl” Sharbat Gulla.
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In 2014, she went into hiding after authorities accused her of buying fake Pakistani documents. She was arrested in late October and the Peshawar court earlier this month ordered her deported.

Peshawar official Fayaz Khan said Gulla, a widow, and her children were taken by convoy to the border with Afghanistan before dawn Wednesday.

From there she was flown to Kabul where President Ashraf Ghani and his wife Rula hosted a reception for Gulla at the presidential palace. Ghani also handed her keys to a fully-furnished apartment.

“It is a privilege for me to welcome her. We are proud to see that she lives with dignity and with security in her homeland,” Ghani said.

She looked visibly unhappy and before crossing, turned once to look back at Pakistan, her home of many years, and murmured good wishes for the Pakistani people, according to two customs officials at the scene. The officials spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

After the Peshawar court sentenced Gulla to 15 days in jail and a fine of $1,000, she fell ill and was admitted to the city’s Lady Reading hospital.

The hospital staff gave Gulla a bouquet of red roses as she was taken away Wednesday, said Dr Mukhtiar Zaman, who described her as still being weak from her illness.

Around 3 million Afghans live in Pakistan, most of them as refugees who fled over the almost 40 years of continuous conflict. Pakistan recently stepped up their expulsions, forcing tens of thousands across the border into Afghanistan, where many find themselves rootless after so many years of exile.

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LONDON

Seven killed as tram tips

Seven people were killed and more than 50 injured when a tram derailed while rounding a tight curve in a rainstorm in south London Wednesday, police said.

The Rail Accident Investigation Branch said the tram derailed as it was negotiating a sharp curve with a speed limit of 20 km/h.

British Transport Police initially said five people had died, with several others seriously injured. The force later raised the death toll to seven.

Police arrested the 42-year-old tram driver on suspicion of manslaughter.

Wednesday’s derailment is the first tram accident with onboard fatalities since the 1950s, but official figures show that 20 people were injured in 112 tram-related accidents in the year to March, including one derailment and two collisions with other trams.

Prime Minister Theresa May and London Mayor Sadiq Khan sent condolences to the injured and the families of the dead.

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JESSICA ALLEN ON THE WEIRDEST ELECTION EVER

It's not funny. It's so absurd that it's beyond the realm of satire. And I wonder, while we are laughing, if the joke is on us.

Boy, we've had some good laughs over the last 18 months. There was the hair, the tiny hands, the tan, a "bigly" or two, "nasty woman" and don't forget "lock her up."

And it wasn't just late-night talk show hosts, Saturday Night Live, and satirical websites capitalizing on the circus, but the mainstream media, too. The New York Times, for example, recently published a list of the 282 people, places and things Donald Trump has insulted.

Today, however, the day after a reality-television star was elected the 45th president of the United States of America, it's not funny. It's so absurd that it's beyond the realm of satire. And I wonder, while we are laughing, if the joke is on us.

But it was funny, wasn't it? At least in an unbelievably dark sort of way: A failed casino mogul who has franchised his name, has the backing of the world's most elite hacking unit and the world's most powerful proto-totalitarian state, ran for president with zero political experience, demanded the imprisonment of his opponent, and was endorsed by the KKK — and his name is *Trump*. Thomas Pynchon couldn't make that up.

Although Trump's rallying cry of "the system is rigged" has now been hushed since the system allowed him to win, that was funny, too, in the way a funhouse mirror is: showing you a laughable version of your face, until you notice that giant zit on your chin.

Because, whether we like the rhetoric or not, there is a good argument to be made that it's true. Not literally rigged — although African Americans in North Carolina may disagree — but how did a primary proceed in which Hillary was allegedly given debate questions ahead of time to battle Bernie? When Russian hackers forced the ouster of the DNC chairwoman when it was revealed that the party apparatus had rallied in Clinton's favour? Why do we believe the women who've accused Trump of sexual assault but not those who've accused Bill Clinton of the same?

How could an entire industry dedicated to making sense of all this have gotten it so wrong?

How did the two most disliked candidates in American history come to represent their parties in the race for the country's highest office?

Just part of the vertigo-inducing nature of this election is that one of those people (Clinton) also happened to be the most qualified candidate in the history of American politics.

But there's nothing funny about the way much of the media has framed Trump as a cause, rather than a symptom, of what's wrong with America: as this demagogic figure that emerged from a bubble and released his anti-democratic, racist and misogynistic ideas into the country.

CHANGING TIMES Presumed shoo-in Philip Roth lost the Nobel Prize in literature to Bob Dylan, the man who taught us that answers blow in the wind, so Trump's victory wasn't the first election to elicit disbelief, Jessica Allen writes.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/CHRIS PIZZELLO

As recently as Sunday, for example, the New York Times' Maureen Dowd posited that when historians write about this election, "The epic dark saga will unfold this way: A man filled with fear and insecurity, created a hate-mongering character and followed it out the window."

But these dark and twisted ideologies so vigorously lapped up by Trump's supporters have been brewing beneath the surface since long before he announced his candidacy. Trump just stirred the pot.

How could an entire industry dedicated to making sense of all this have gotten it so wrong? I don't know what's more puzzling: how wrong the media was or how puzzled they are over how wrong they were.

Still, it's not the first election to elicit disbelief. Philip Roth, who many thought was a shoo-in for this year's Nobel Prize in literature, which went to the man who told us the answers are blowing in the wind, was so incredulous after watching Richard Nixon in televised presidential debates that he was filled with "professional envy."

Twenty-four years later, in a 1984 interview with the Paris Review, Roth said: "Any satirist writing a futuristic novel who had imagined a President Reagan during the Eisenhower years would have been accused of perpetuating a piece of crude, contemptible, adolescent, anti-American wickedness."

I sometimes wonder how Suetonius, the ancient historian, or professional muckraker depending on who you ask, felt as he wrote The Twelve Caesars.

If they lived in our time, these leaders would be better suited to reality television — think Caesar's combover, Caligula's horse, and all that poison — than to public life. But it would hardly make a difference because there is no "real." It's all reality television now. Maybe it always has been.

"So sad."

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

VICKY MOCHAMA

Think it's hard to tell kids about politics? Try talking to your parents.

Talking about politics with parents isn't easy. While my mother, a political science nerd, cannot be prevented from having a political opinion, my father, a serious statistician, would rather we all got along. Quietly. Some parents are more vocal and politically inclined than others. As a whole, however, there is a troubling silence between generations on the issues and ideas that matter.

The political intentions of young people are not a mystery to me. In this election, according to exit poll data from CNN, young people from almost every racial group voted for Clinton as expected. (The exception to that being 18-29-year-old whites, who gave 48 per cent of their vote to Trump, and that is a column for another day.)

But what are the voting concerns of people my parents' age? And how do we bridge our two political worlds?

I think more people could start over the dinner table. Politics is hard, but it's harder to yell at a relative with pasta in your mouth. Hard, but not impossible, so chewing slowly is also key.

It's a conversation even the stars will be having. TMZ reported that during her appearance at Javits Center in support of the Clinton campaign, Katy Perry said although her parents had voted for Trump, there would still be peace at her family's Thanksgiving table.

There should be peace, but there should also be a willingness to participate in the ideas we all hold. I use humour to open up a space for important conversations.

As we watched the second debate of the election over Thanksgiving dinner, I asked my dad, "Are you a feminist?" He laughed but didn't answer. Minutes later, I persisted, "But, no though, are you a feminist?"

He shrugged, "That's a big question. I don't know if I know what that means."

He continued to demur to the point that it became a running joke between us over the rest of the night. I would corner him in the kitchen and he'd laugh off the question.

Yesterday, he called me from his office in upstate New York to commiserate. He hadn't found feminism exactly, but he too was inescapably saddened by the Clinton loss.

Not everyone can joke and prod their parents into a political reckoning. For people who feel safe in their family's unconditional love, there is an immense value in asking questions, listening and learning.

The Trump campaign, and the movements that preceded it, have revealed that racism, sexism and rage are still potent political forces.

Can you still sit peaceably without knowing if your parents are taking those attitudes from the dining room and into the voting booth?

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Why not even Bey in a pantsuit could help

Hillary Clinton's celebrity endorsements may have worked against her

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"I'm with her."

World-renowned singer Beyoncé spoke these words of support for Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton just days before Americans voted for their new leader, Donald Trump.

Clinton walked out onto a stage in Cleveland on Nov. 4 as rapper Jay Z told the crowd: "I would like to introduce to you the next president of the United States, Mrs. Hillary Clinton."

Clinton was all smiles that night, embracing Beyoncé, who wore a pantsuit for the occasion, and her husband, Jay Z.

Their message was clear: vote for Hillary Clinton.

"I want my daughter to grow up seeing a woman lead our country," Beyoncé told the crowd.

Clinton's campaign trail had a star-studded cast, with many celebrities vocalizing support for the democratic candidate, showing up or performing at events and rallies. This included singers Katy Perry and Lady Gaga, comedian Amy Schumer and actresses Lena Dunham and Meryl Streep.

But when Trump raced ahead at the polls on Nov. 8, some questioned the impact of celebrity influence.

Boyd Neil, senior digital strategist with Hill + Knowlton Strategies who teaches a course on reputation management at Ryerson University, said celebrities do not have the impact on campaigns that people might think.

"There's nothing wrong with having a celebrity on your side, (it's) better to have them on your side than against you, but does it make a fundamental difference? No it doesn't."

Neil said while people enjoy individuals as celebrities, they do not necessarily trust their judgment when it comes to politics, economics, social issues or international affairs.

He said there was also a very strong belief among especially white working class men in the United States that there was an entrenched elite in Washington and that Clinton was part of that elite.

Some who voted for Trump did so despite knowing his flaws "because he ran a campaign that said the elites in Washington are preventing America from being great, so let's make America great again by getting rid of the elites," Neil said.

"It worked in the sense that it spoke to her base, but it didn't really attract anyone on the other side of the aisle.
Clive Veroni, brand strategist and president of Leap Consulting

Meanwhile, some view celebrities as elites.

"So when elites … come out and say support Clinton, when you believe the elites in Washington are the cause of the problems in the U.S., then they have no impact on the people who vote."

Clive Veroni, a brand strategist and president of Leap Consulting, said that the celebrity endorsements were important for Clinton supporters. "It kind of reinforced their self perceptions and their perception of Clinton as a brand and made them feel better about her as a candidate," said Veroni, also author of Spin: How Politics Has the Power to Turn Marketing On Its Head.

But for the other half of the electorate, Trump supporters, many of them white males without a college education, the celebrities endorsing Clinton were "exactly who they don't want to be associated with."

"It worked in the sense that it spoke to her base, but it didn't really attract anyone on the other side of the aisle," he said.

But more than associating themselves with celebrities, Veroni said the concerts and events held were an attempt to capture data and reach out to people, particularly millennials and racial and ethnic minorities and encourage them to vote.

Exit polls show Clinton secured 55 per cent of the vote amongst those aged 18-29, while Trump won 37 per cent. But Clinton's numbers were lower than those of U.S. President Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012 (60 per cent and 66 per cent, respectively), according to the Pew Research Center.

Veroni said there probably weren't many undecided voters leading up to election day, but that celebrity endorsements wouldn't have made much difference on these individuals.

"I don't (think) anyone would have been particularly swayed in their allegiance to one political party or another based on which celebrity is going and giving a concert for them," he said.

CNN's Van Jones had a deeply emotional reaction to Donald Trump's win. CONTRIBUTED

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Eloquent plea for a little grace

THE SHOW: U.S. election coverage, Nov. 8 (CNN, YouTube)
THE MOMENT: Van Jones' plea

Sometime after midnight, when it became clear that Donald Trump was going to become the next U.S. president, CNN correspondent Van Jones congratulated Trump supporters. Then he delivered the two most eloquent minutes of this campaign.

"People talked about a miracle," he said. "I'm hearing about a nightmare ... Muslim friends are texting me, asking should I leave the country.

"This was a rebellion against the elites, true," he continued. "But it was also something else. This was a whitelash. A whitelash against a changing country, against a black president. ... Donald Trump has a responsibility tonight to reassure people that he is going to be the president of all the people he insulted and offended and brushed aside. ... This is a deeply painful moment."

At the bitter, limping end, what was remarkable was how quiet it was. Pundits on both sides were stunned. On CNN, Anderson Cooper asked Trump's surrogates, "What do you think, will he build the wall now? Will he lock up Hillary Clinton?" No one even tried to answer.

As he was throughout the campaign, Jones was a steady voice of reason. When Corey Lewandowski, Trump's ex-campaign manager, tried his trademark indignant sputter when Clinton didn't address the nation, Jones told him to knock it off. "You won," he said. "Now is the time for a little grace."

Here's hoping that's not an impossible dream.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

GRAPHIC NOVEL

A Santa Claus who loves beer— not milk

Mike Donachie
Metro | Canada

Klaus
By: Grant Morrison, Dan Mora
Publisher: Boom! Studios
$34.99, 208 pages

What if Santa Claus was Batman?

If that idea is blowing your mind, that's because comics superstar and Scottish uberweirdo Grant Morrison came up with it, and it's a beauty.

In classic comic-book style, it's an origin story. Deep in the forests of non-specific historical Europe, villagers are being mistreated by a despotic overlord who is hell-bent on summoning a demon.

But out from the dark woods comes a man called Klaus, seeking a place to rest and a beer to quaff. The village of Grimsvig isn't how he remembers it, and he falls foul of the evil baron's henchmen when he points out that ruling with an iron fist should get you on the naughty list.

What's a man to do? Well, save Yuletime, of course, armed with a perfect physical form, his heroic nature, a pet wolf, and the shamanic powers of non-Christian winter tradition. He also has a sack of toys.

If ever there was a perfect comic book for Christmas gifting, it's this. It's cool, exciting and so much fun.

And it shows that Santa drinks beer, not milk.

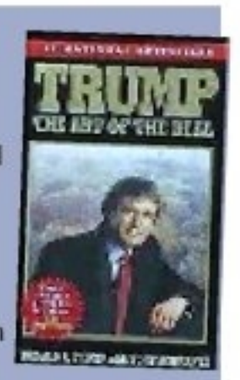
BOOK BRIEFS

Sales for Trump books jump following election results

The impending presidency of Donald Trump is already helping his books sell.

Trump's breakthrough bestseller from the 1980s, The Art of the Deal, and his campaign work Great Again were on Amazon.com's "Movers & Shakers" list Wednesday of books making the biggest jumps on the bestseller list.

The Art of the Deal soared from No. 1,107 to No. 24 and Great Again from 5,340 to 172.



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A different view on Soviet Russia

BOOKS

Towles spent years drafting a novel about a trapped man

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

It's no surprise that Amor Towles looks completely at ease sitting inside the lobby of Toronto's posh King Edward Hotel.

For more than two decades, the New York author travelled the world as an investment professional; hotels from Paris to San Francisco became his temporary home. During one of those trips in 2009, as Towles was checking into Le Richemond in Geneva for the eighth year in a row, he recognized a few people in the luxury hotel's lobby from previous stays.

"It was as if they never left," he says.

Towles realized he had an interesting premise for a book: what if a character was trapped in a hotel and forced to live there?

He went to his room, and began sketching out a brief outline on the hotel's stationary.

The idea grew into Towles' new novel, A Gentleman in Moscow, the follow-up to his best-selling debut, Rules of Civility.

Set in 1920s Russia, the story follows Count Alexander Rostov, one of the country's dwindling aristocratic class, who is sentenced to house arrest at the infamous Metropol hotel after writing a poem considered to be a call for revolt against the Bolsheviks. Rostov is forced to give up his luxurious suite and surroundings for an attic room.

But what he loses in wealth and prestige, he gains in new relationships with the hotel's other residents and workers, including a precocious young girl named Nina.

Though one would expect a book set in the era to be steeped in Soviet politics, Towles was more interested in developing the characters and their cloistered world.

He took four years to carefully outline the story, and didn't seriously begin writing until 2013, a year after retiring from the investment industry to become a full-time author.

Towles also avoided pursuing too much research until late in the process, despite the fact that "virtually anyone famous who visited Moscow drank at, ate at, or slept at the Metropol," including John Steinbeck and E. E. Cummings, who both wrote about their experiences there. "For hundreds of years narratives were written and read in the spirit of trying to get a glimpse of the human condition through three-dimensional characters. It has nothing to do with what kind of nails are hammered in the floor," Towles says.

"I'm not sloppy or lazy about it, but rather than pick a project and research all about it, I pick projects that are already within my personal fascinations."

With Rules of Civility, about a young woman exposed to Manhattan's elite social class during the 1930s, Towles relied on his love of the era, and the movies, music and nostalgic locations of long-ago New York.

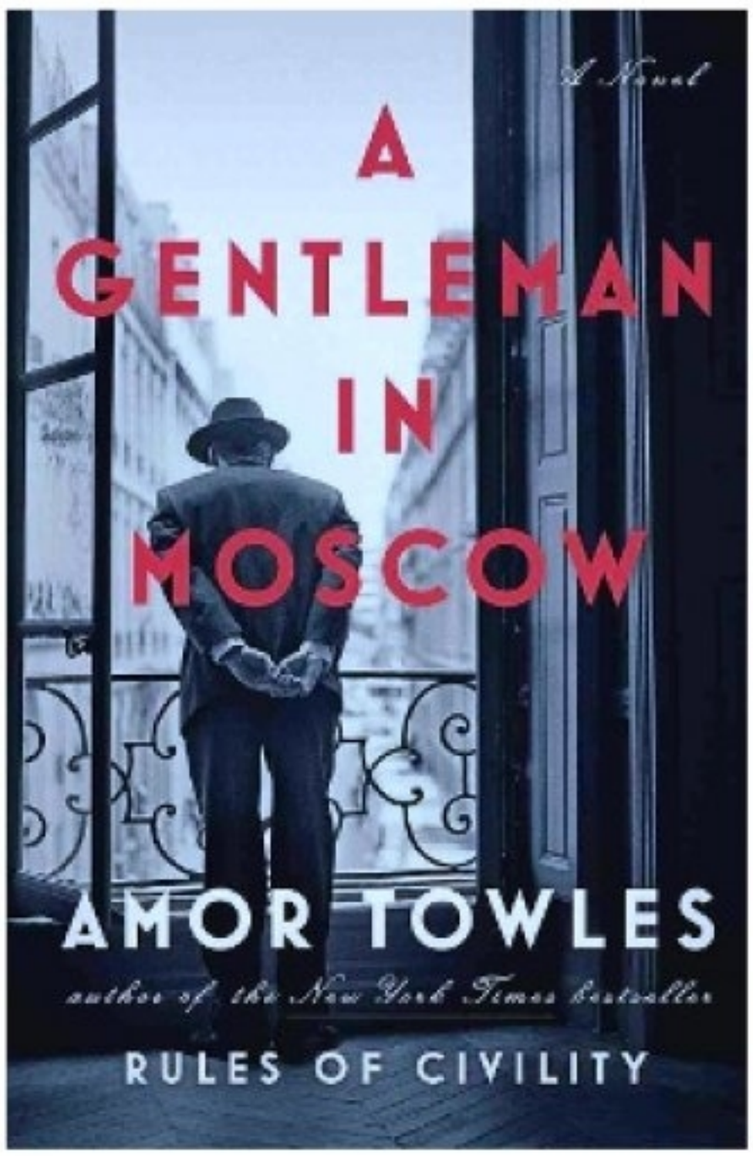
For A Gentleman in Moscow, he brought in his fascination with Russian literature and early 20th-century history.

Towles also knew he wanted to showcase the rich culture outside of the preconceptions about Cold War ideology.

"The American citizens' view of Russian life in the '20s, '30s and '40s is pretty narrow: bread lines and shortages, political oppression, possible arrest and execution, all of which were aspects of that time, no question," Towles says.

"But the reality was that the vast majority of Russians continued to fall in love, get married, have kids, to appreciate music and art, to practise their religion, though perhaps in private,"he explained.

"The book, to some degree, is an exploration of showing that dimension of human life."



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Searching in the shadows

Award-winning author Ian Rankin says "big moral questions" drive the plot lines in his stories.
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CRIME FICTION

A retired detective with knack for solving puzzles

Laura Boast
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Ian Rankin loves Canada.

The award-winning crime writer and his wife took a tour of the Maritimes this fall, with a plan to drop in on their friends Mary Walsh and Donald Nichol in St. John's. Yes, that Mary Walsh, a.k.a. Canada's Warrior Princess Marg Delahunty.

"I'm well-connected," he says with a smile.

It's easy to imagine Rankin's fictional detective, Insp. John Rebus, loving Mary Walsh and the East Coast, too. Colourful characters, acerbic wit, and a keen understanding of the human condition play large there, just as they do in Scotland.

The latest installment in the Rebus series is out this month: Rather Be The Devil. Metro sat down with Rankin at U.K.'s Crimefest to talk about Edinburgh as the setting for the Rebus series.

"It always seems to be calm and rational on the surface," he says. "It's a well-to-do city with tradition and history. It's this living museum."

But just underneath the polished surface, there's a gritty reality of drugs, gangsters, human trafficking and prostitution, along with social problems related to unemployment.

That contrast of polished surface and criminal underworld go way back in the Scottish capital. Rankin says the Jekyll and Hyde tale was inspired by a real-life character: William Brodie. Brodie was a respectable cabinet-maker and locksmith in Edinburgh by day. By night, he used those same skills as a burglar.

"Edinburgh is like Jekyll and Hyde," says Rankin. "It's two cities."

It's the shadowy side Rebus inhabits. But as much as the shadows go way back in Edinburgh, police work has evolved for Rebus and his real-life counterparts in Edinburgh. What used to be eight regional police divisions is now one colossal organization: Police Scotland.

Needless to say, some of the books' characters, like the younger DI Malcolm Fox, chafe against the involvement of other investigators parachuted in from outside the city.

There's also technological progress in forensics, like DNA testing. But real life is nothing like a CSI episode in Scotland's police labs, says Rankin.

"We've not got that kind of machinery," he says. "We don't have the funding for it. You could send samples to the States for analysis, but that would take time."

It all means that Rebus, who prefers old-style, instinct-driven detective work, does well in his new role in the series as a consulting detective to his old colleagues DI Siobhan Clarke and DI Fox.

Rebus had to retire from the force at 67, but as a consulting detective he can keep his hands in things. It's similar for Rankin, whose police contacts have retired.

Even as crime and forensics evolve, the roots are still the same.

"The motivations are still the seven deadly sins," says Rankin. "The same question pertains: Why do humans keep doing things, bad things to each other? I'm fascinated by big moral questions and puzzle solving."

Maybe that's why his character is named Rebus — a type of puzzle. The fictional detective has plenty of life behind him, and plenty of life still in him, to solve the mysteries in Edinburgh's shadows.

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YULETIDE ESCAPES

Weekend winter getaways to bring the whole gang together

Rhonda Riche

As the festive season draws near, sometimes the stress of planning big dinners or organizing parties can make us lose sight of the best part of the holidays: enjoying and bonding with family. It sounds counter-intuitive, but sometimes taking a vacation from all the holiday hype can restore clarity and calmness. Here are suggestions for nearby yuletide escapes that your family will love:

Camp it up

Many of Ontario's provincial parks are open year round, so you can enjoy activities such as snowshoeing, tobogganing and camping. But did you know you can stay overnight? The best way for families to get the tent experience without freezing is to cozy up in a yurt — an eight-sided structure based on traditional Mongolian semi-permanent tents. The Western version is surprisingly spacious and usually furnished with bunk beds to accommodate six people, a table and chairs, electric lighting and a heater for cool weather camping. Outside, you and the fam can warm up around a fire pit.

One popular site is McGregor Point: A three-hour drive away, on the shoreline of Lake Huron, the park has the most yurts of any provincial park. These tents have become very popular, so it's a good idea to reserve your tent as early as possible. Book online at ontarioparks.com.

First resort

Sometimes families want to escape from the cold weather. But travelling south for the winter isn't always an option. For those who want to simulate the experience of lounging around the pool this winter, check into a family-focused resort like Great Wolf Lodge in Niagara Falls. This indoor water park offers everything from super slides to splashy activity pools. If you don't want to get completely waterlogged, the resort also houses child-friendly activities such as spa treatments, yoga and bowling.

Capital gains

There are few places in Ontario that go all out for the holidays like Ottawa. It's four hours away, but if you take the train, you eliminate the stress of driving (and for kids, the rail journey is part of the adventure). And unlike Toronto, Ottawa temperatures in December are usually cold enough to indulge in outdoor activities such as cross-country skiing, sleigh rides and skating along the Rideau Canal or at the Rink of Dreams in Marion Dewar Plaza. And because it's Canada's capitol, the local, provincial and federal governments offer many free or nearly free family activities.

For example, from early December, visitors can stroll through the city's downtown core, parks and Parliament Hill and take in the 400,000 twinkling lights that brighten the night during Ottawa's Christmas Lights Across Canada Event. For locals, this annual celebration is the unofficial kick off for the holiday season.

When it's time to come in from the cold, Ottawa is also home to many great museums and historic sites. For the budget conscious, admission to the permanent exhibits of the National Gallery of Canada and the Canadian Museum of Nature is free from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and at the Canadian Museum of History and the Canadian War Museum from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. With the money you save from the freebies, you can indulge in traditional treats such as hot chocolate and beaver tails at ByWard market. Who knows, maybe Justin Trudeau will photobomb your family's holiday pictures?

Night at the museum

If a pre-Christmas/New Year's break just isn't possible, consider clocking some quality time in January. One of the most unique overnight experiences in the GTA is a museum sleepover. At the Royal Ontario Museum, parents and kids ages 5 and up can get after-hours access to the collections and exhibits. Families get to interact with ROM experts and examine specimens and artifacts from the museum's archives that are not on display to the general public. Kids can also create their own treasures and participate in a PJ karaoke party. The best part for children and adults alike is the opportunity to sleep alongside the dinosaurs, knights and mummies in the museum. The next event is Jan. 27, but it's best to book now to reserve a place for your family. Visit rom.on.ca for more details.

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Give the gift of sight to a child

Toddlers are all alike: bursting with energy to learn, move, grow and explore. Rodia, a spirited 2-year-old boy from Madagascar, was no different — until his vision steadily decreased from congenital cataracts. His mother, Melline, suffered the same fate when she was a girl, and a lifetime of blindness makes it difficult for her to meet her family's basic needs.

"Early diagnosis and treatment — ideally before the age of 5 or 6 — is crucial to ensuring good vision for life," says Penny Lyons, Executive Director of Seva Canada. "Without access to proper care, children like Rodia would struggle to finish school, be dependent on a caregiver and face difficult life-long challenges."

If you want your charitable donations to go above and beyond this holiday season, Lyons says restoring a child's vision gives them an average of 50 years of sight. To cover life-changing cataract surgery and long-term follow-up care for a child in a developing country is just $150, which also secures a better future for that child. At Seva (seva.ca), any contribution up to $1,000 will be matched until Dec. 31, meaning you can help twice as many kids live fuller, happier lives.

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Because of Seva supporters, Rodia received sight-restoring surgery. After his bandages were removed, Rodia saw his mother for the first time and Melline burst into song — a Malagasy hymn of praise — and there was not a dry eye in the room.

Sharing a lasting legacy

People often can't help but smile when they see Kamryn Bond, 6, lay a wreath with her friend, Shannon Krasowski, 40, at their local Remembrance Day ceremony. Although an unlikely pair, they are both amputees and are part of a legacy that goes back nearly 100 years.

Kamryn is a member, and Shannon a graduate, of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, which provides financial and emotional assistance to child amputees across Canada. It was war amputee veterans who created The War Amps in 1918, and later its Key Tag Service, through which the association raises its funds.

Kamryn and Shannon lay a wreath each year on behalf of The War Amps Operation Legacy as a tribute to war amputee veterans. Shannon says: "They passed this legacy to us younger amputees and now it's our turn to share their stories, so that we never forget their sacrifices."

With the public's support of the Key Tag Service, which is this year celebrating its 70th anniversary, The War Amps is able to help amputees across Canada live full and active lives.

Kamryn Bond, left, and Shannon Krasowski pay tribute to the war amputee veterans by laying a wreath on behalf of The War Amps. CONTRIBUTED

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Urbanism done right

CONDO TRENDS

Met attracting buyers who can't afford downtown

Duncan McAllister
For Metro Canada

The Vaughan Metropolitan Centre is rapidly becoming one of the GTA's major success stories. It's urbanism done right, with a carefully thought-out, collaborative game plan involving major players like the City of Vaughan, Metrolinx and a host of private sector developers.

Plans are underway for an 8.6 kilometre subway extension line with six new stations and a regional transportation hub. The initiative is a major enabler for residential and commercial growth in the region.

Several new condo developments have arrived early to the game, with projects like Cosmos by Liberty Development and Charisma by Greenpark Homes, setting the pace for residential expansion in the downtown, where 12,000 residents are anticipated to move in the coming years.

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The Met, a new transit-oriented project from Plaza and Berkley Developments, boasts a prime location close to the emerging city centre, with two stops on the TTC subway extension providing direct connections to York University and downtown Toronto.

Plaza senior VP Scott McLellan says that the subway is the predominant anchor for the development boom.

The Met is attracting first-time buyers who work in downtown Toronto, says McLellan.

"Affordability is always going to be a driver in the condo market, and the Met is probably about $150 to $200 a foot less than what it would cost to live in downtown Toronto."

With the suites selling like hotcakes, exceeding all initial sales projections, it's a testament to the popularity of the new urban centre.

"We're getting young couples who are looking at our two-bedrooms, and saying hey, we can park the car here, we both work downtown and their parents live up in the Vaughan-Woodbridge area," says McLellan.

The Met, designed by Quadrangle Architects with interiors by Mike Niven Design, will offer luxurious touches in each suite. The kitchens are equipped with quartz countertops and undermount sink, Moen faucets and six premium stainless steel appliances.

The bathrooms feature ceramic or porcelain tile, deep soaker tubs and glass-walled showers.

Nearby, Expo City was one of the first projects out of the gate. The master-planned, multi-phase undertaking is one of the largest mixed-use developments that the region has ever experienced.

The development will figure prominently in Vaughan's new downtown, with the Cortel Group's five residential towers rising up on Highway 7 between Maplecrete and Creditstone roads. Tower one is now complete, tower two is under construction, and the third phase, Expo Condos 3, has been announced and will be underway soon.

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MEET THE CONDO

AYC condo tower located between two great T.O. neighbourhoods

Project overview

The Annex Yorkville Connection spans two of Toronto's most dynamic neighbourhoods. The condo tower is constructed from glass, steel and concrete, with windows spanning floor-to-ceiling. In addition, 39 signature townhomes are coming on November 19.

In the neighbourhood

This eclectic community offers great food, great art and great fashion. Nearby is Le Paradis brasserie and bistro, Joso's restaurant and Ramsden Park. There's plenty of shopping with exclusive boutiques and world-famous brands.

Housing amenities

Amenities include an executive lobby with 24-hour concierge. There's a business centre, a gym, media lounge, and dining room with chef's kitchen. There's a guest suite, outdoor terrace and barbecue area, and a games room with bar.

Location and transit

Located near the Designers' Walk and trendy Pears Avenue, the Bedford Road and Davenport TTC bus routes are right outside. The Dupont subway platform is nearby, so you can be in the downtown core within 20 minutes.

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REAL ESTATE

What's hot on the market

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Leslieville: Check out these two unique, new east-end townhouses being shown this weekend in the heart of Leslieville. Head over to 169 and 175 Jones Ave., on Nov. 12 and 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. Contact: Brian Persaud, RE/Max Realtron Realty Inc., Brokerage. 416-222-8600.

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Customize to reflect style of home, owner personality

Kelly Mindell of StudioDIY.com transformed a large, plain yellow pillow with iron-on fabric pieces cut into shapes to make up the emoji face. JEFF MINDELL/STUDIODIY.COM VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

There are as many ideas for do-it-yourself pet beds as there are kinds of pets. Projects range from simple sewing patterns to complex woodwork.

But the goal is a safe, customized bed that suits the pet, so that "your furry family members have a cosy place to curl up," says Camille Smith, website managing editor for the home design channel HGTV.

On the fancier side, some old vintage items lend themselves to eye-catching pet beds. Search your attic for a bulky old television from the pre-flat-screen era, for instance, or a boxy computer monitor once used for accessing MySpace. Remove the screen and gut the inside. Line the box with fabric and add a pillow so your cat or small dog can snuggle up inside.

Most pet-bed projects, however, don't require you to track down hard-to-get items.

Many online tutorials suggest reclaiming a vintage dresser drawer and filling it with a cushion. Woodworker Scott Lavigne came up with a plan to build a custom drawer from scratch for his dog.

"I'm a builder just by nature," says Lavigne, founder of the blog sawsonskates.com. Creating a sleep space for his lhasa apso was a labour of love.

"It's essentially just building a simple box," he says; even those inexperienced at woodworking could likely accomplish it in a weekend. By changing the size of the pieces of wood used, his drawer project can easily be adapted for large dogs. Detailed instructions are on his blog.

VINTAGE DIGS
Old TVs or computer monitors (pre-flat-screen era) can be gutted and used as a place for pets to snuggle in.

Design blogger Kelly Mindell, creator of StudioDIY.com, customized and revitalized an old dog bed by ironing on emoji shapes that she cut out of iron-on fabric.

"A huge part of the DIY movement is the ability to adapt and customize an idea to reflect your own personality or needs," Mindell says.

"Since emojis are all made of simple shapes like circles, half-moons and hearts, it's easy to take the concept and change it as desired."

Homemade pet beds can be practical alternatives to store-bought ones.

"Dog beds are not inexpensive," says Lavigne, who designed his project to fit a standard bed pillow, which can be tossed in the washing machine when necessary.

A DIY pet bed also can be made to match the style of your home.

"For small dogs and cats, you can even upcycle an existing piece of furniture to create a side table that does double duty as a snug spot for curling up," says Smith.

Lavigne's project can be adapted by using different paint or stain colours, or choosing to distress the wood for a "shabby chic" look.

Safety, of course, is more important than how the bed looks.

"Be sure to make your pet's comfort and safety the top priority," Smith says. "Ensure your finished bed is extra cozy with no protruding nails or splintered wood."

Also, make sure before you begin a project that it's right for your particular pet, keeping the animal's health in mind.

"For instance, an arthritic older dog may benefit from a memory foam mattress while a padded window perch may be the best cat-nap spot for a curious kitten," says Smith.

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Making a pet bed can be a practical alternative to buying one. JEFF MINDELL/STUDIODIY.COM VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

While on the surface a parking levy might seem like an attractive revenue tool, the pitfalls make it not worth it. ISTOCK

Parking levy not the right tax tool

BILD

Property owners would pass on cost to consumers

Bryan Tuckey
For Metro Canada

The city is considering a parking levy amid other proposed revenue tools to help fill a projected budget gap of $483 million for 2017.

BILD has been working with a coalition of business and real estate organizations to study the possible effects of these potential new revenue tools on both businesses and consumers.

Today, most shopping centres, strip malls and local grocery stores provide parking to their customers at no charge. The proposed parking levy would be a hidden tax that would impose a per day, per spot fee on all commercial property owners who provide parking, including parking spots that companies provide their employees.

To offset the levy, property owners or tenants would pass on the added cost to consumers, probably in the form of increased prices for everything from groceries and clothes to dry cleaning and hair cuts. Because it is hidden in the overall cost of goods and services, consumers would not necessarily realize that they are paying a parking levy.

The levy could have an impact on the city's business competitiveness and economic development. Research done by the coalition shows that it could be equivalent to a 44 per cent commercial property tax increase on businesses across Toronto.

This proposed revenue tool would impact all businesses, large and small. It would be passed onto retail, office and industrial tenants and would disproportionately be paid by small businesses, including small tenants in large malls that probably need only a few spots, but would end up paying an unfair share.

Vancouver's attempt at a similar tax in 2006 proved to be costly to administer and caused many issues and misperceptions. Revenue expectations are usually inflated, and exemptions and outdated parking space inventory records add to the administrative complexity.

In 2007, Toronto considered a parking tax, but dismissed it due to low projected revenue, administrative challenges and concerns over transparency around the collection of charges and the impact it could have.

The city is looking at a variety of other potential revenue options including a development levy and additional municipal land transfer taxes. These would also negatively impact consumers and businesses. It is important to understand the full impacts of each before a decision is made.

We need long-term solutions that are fair, that make Toronto more competitive and affordable, and that maintain and attract businesses and job growth for the future.

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LEGAL MATTERS

A merger that you didn't bargain for

Jeffrey Cowan
For Metro Canada

Q: I purchased a large lot some time ago and decided to split it and build two new homes.

I had to go to the Committee of Adjustments to get a severance and then I was allowed to build the two houses.

The permits were processed by the city and the buildings have been completed and I have found two families who are scheduled to move in.

However, when the lawyer acting for the purchasers did a title search, she discovered that the two lots that were severed have since merged.

Why has this happened and what can I do?

A: Although I don't have specific knowledge of the title search, I would surmise that when the lot was split, the two new parcels should have been put into different names.

The rule is that if two adjacent part lots are owned by the same owner, under the Planning Act the lots should merge and become one big lot.

The lawyer who assisted you with the original severance (if you used a lawyer) should have explained this to you.

Now you will have to go back to the Committee of Adjustments and get the lots severed once again.

Good luck.

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Westbrook's tenacity leaves Raptors in awe

NBA

All-star guard thriving as Thunder's go-to guy

DeMar DeRozan knows a thing or two about playing basketball with a chip on his shoulder and how to use perceived slights to prove critics wrong.

But the often-miffed Toronto Raptors all-star looks at Russell Westbrook of the Oklahoma City Thunder and thinks "whoa, that guy's really ticked."

"He plays with a country on his shoulders," DeRozan said of Westbrook on Wednesday morning.

"You see it every single night how he brings it, the intensity, everything on his face. It's incredible."

Westbrook, who does seem chronically angry and attacks basketball with a verve seldom seen, has become something of a poster boy for the 'Incredibly Talented Always Put Out' athlete.

"He's an all-star, he's an all-pro, the kid's going to be in the Hall of Fame before his career's over with so he's got a lot of pride," Toronto coach Dwane Casey said before the Raptors faced the Thunder.

"He loses his running mate (Kevin Durant) so he wants to prove he can go and he can play. He's good enough to win the game by himself (and shows) how powerful, how strong, how dynamic he is as a player."

Westbrook watched Durant flee the Thunder for the Golden State Warriors in the summer and took umbrage to suggestions he couldn't handle being a one-man show or that Oklahoma City was too small for his king-sized personality.

"Honestly, I stay even-keel throughout the good stuff, the bad stuff, because I always pay attention to my family and people that's important to me. People I stand by," Westbrook told the Vertical website before the season started.

> **He's just putting it all out there every night.**
> Kyle Lowry

"I like to have fun and enjoy the game and I just go out and play. Criticism for me goes in one ear and out the other."

He signed a contract extension in the summer — three years and about $85 million — re-upping as the undisputed leader of the Thunder and he's begun the season playing that way.

He's averaging 30.4 points, 9.9 assists and 8.4 rebounds a game, dominating with his typically intense, no-holds-barred style.

He had a huge game against the Phoenix Suns last month, with 51 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists, the first 50-point triple-double since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar did it 40 years ago.

Even though he only scored 14 points Monday against Miami, during a stretch of the third quarter he scored and assisted on 20 consecutive points for the Thunder.

"He's an aggressive, attacking, fiery, really, really competitive point guard, and I love everything about that, about him," Thunder coach Billy Donovan said this week. "So it's not about changing him. It's just about him learning and figuring and studying and seeing different ways that he can impact his teammates, and I think he's trying to do that."

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The Thunder took a 6-1 record going into Wednesday night's action due in large part to the efforts of Russell Westbrook. J PAT CARTER/GETTY IMAGES

Go to metronews.ca for coverage of the Raptors-Thunder game on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON D.C.

White House to host Cavs, Trump

LeBron James and his Cleveland Cavaliers teammates will be at the White House on Thursday.

An unexpected guest will be there, too.

LeBron James GETTY IMAGES

The visit by the reigning NBA champions will coincide with president-elect Donald Trump's meeting with President Barack Obama to discuss the handover of power and transition following a shocking election that left James — and millions of Americans — wondering about the future.

James had supported Hillary Clinton, appearing on stage with the former secretary of state at a campaign rally Sunday to urge Cleveland residents to vote.

On Wednesday, just hours after Clinton had conceded the election to Trump, James posted on his Instagram account that he woke up "looking and searching for answers on what has happened."

James wrote: "Parents and leaders of our children please let them know they can still change the world for the better! Don't lose a bit of faith! They're our future and we must remain stronger than ever!!"

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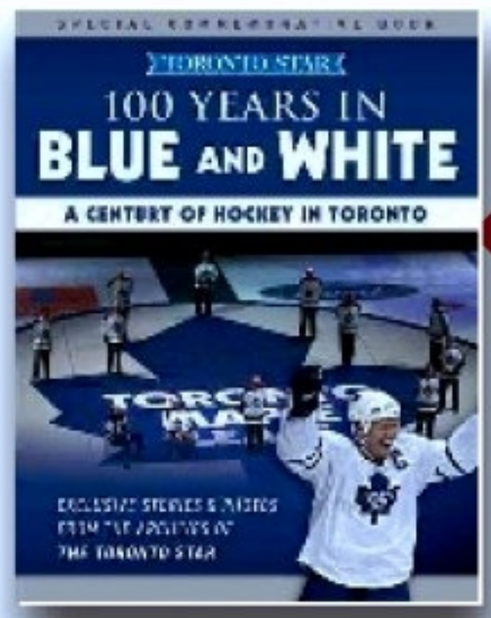

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TFC motivated by maiden voyage flop

MLS CUP PLAYOFFS

Last year's big loss in Montreal a teaching tool for Vanney

Toronto FC coach Greg Vanney played down last year's painful playoff loss in Montreal every time the two teams crossed paths this season.

But as the rivals prepare to clash again in the post-season, Vanney admitted the humiliating 3-0 loss at Saputo Stadium in Toronto's playoff debut has not been forgotten ahead of Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final Nov. 22.

"Absolutely. I think you're not a competitive person if that doesn't bother you," he said after training Wednesday. "For sure it bothered me."

Vanney said his point was that a pre-season or mid-season game with the Impact wouldn't even the score.

"The only way we feel better at all is to do something in the playoffs, which is what the opportunity is that's ahead of us. I don't think last year will be forgotten by this group as we go into this tie."

Vanney said while both teams are in a different place from last year's playoffs, "at the same time we haven't forgotten."

"In the back of their minds, I am certain they recall walking off the field that night and how that felt," he added.

For a franchise that waited nine years to get into the playoffs, the 2015 playoff visit to Montreal was like stepping into a sinkhole. On a chilly late October night, Toronto trailed 3-0 after 39 minutes.

Jonathan Osorio and Toronto FC got passed the Montreal Impact over two legs this past summer on their way to the Amway Canadian Championship title. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

We need 60 ... I think we have a very good team and our chances of beating Toronto are very high.

Dominic Oduro and the Montreal Impact are gunning for a sellout crowd of 60,000-plus at Olympic Stadium.

"It left a really big sour taste in everybody's mouth," said Toronto midfielder Jonathan Osorio. "Nobody liked it, nobody anticipated it.

"At the same time, when we look back, they deserved (to win) that match, we deserved to lose in that way and I think we've learned from that."

Montreal's playoff run ended in defeat one round later with a 4-3 aggregate loss to Columbus after extra time.

Only five members of the Toronto team that started last year's playoff game in Montreal are members of the current starting 11.

Seven members of the Impact team that beat the New York Red Bulls last Sunday started against Toronto in the 2015 post-season win with two others, including Didier Drogba, on the bench.

Toronto defeated the Impact 2-0 in Montreal on April 23 and lost 1-0 at BMO Field on Aug. 27 before a 2-2 draw on Oct. 16 at Saputo Stadium this MLS regular season. The Reds won the Amway Canadian Championship semifinal series between the two, winning 4-2 at BMO Field and tying 0-0 at Saputo Stadium.

The two-legged MLS playoff aggregate series will open on artificial turf at Olympic Stadium before returning to BMO Field on Nov. 30.

Both teams have lost players to international duty in the interim.

For Toronto, Michael Bradley and Jozy Altidore are with the U.S. while Armando Cooper is away with Panama. Montreal has lost Laurent Ciman (Belgium), Ambroise Oyongo (Cameroon) and Johan Venegas (Costa Rica).

All will be back in advance of the Eastern final. THE CANADIAN PRESS

★NEW AMERICA★

'Impending doom' startles U.S. keeper Irwin

The U.S. election left Toronto FC goalkeeper Clint Irwin unsettled, to say the least.

"Ultimately it's concerning, at least for me as an American citizen," he said in the aftermath of Donald Trump's win. "I really hope that the country can come together. I hope it's not as bad as I think it's going to be.

"It's tough to say that but I really don't want to see anything bad happen."

The 27-year-old native of Charlotte, N.C., watched the campaign closely. Irwin, who studied political science at Elon University, has written pieces for Sports Illustrated and the Guardian on athletes and sport.

Irwin, traded to TFC in January from the Colorado Rapids, cast his Colorado ballot for Hillary Clinton via mail. Colorado went to Clinton while Irwin's native North Carolina opted for Trump.

Judging from social media, Irwin started election night with some optimism.

"Election Day hopes: high turnout, peaceful polls, respected results. You can do this, America," he tweeted.

But that did not last.

Clint Irwin GETTY IMAGES

"Someone please light up the CN Tower red, white and blue so we can raise awareness of America's impending doom," he tweeted later.

Irwin's concern was more for others than himself.

"Look for me personally, I'm a white male pretty well-off American," he said Wednesday. "For me, things are probably not going to change, if anything they're going to get better — taxes are probably going to go down for me, I'm going to pay less to the government, I'm going to get to keep a lot of money.

"But for a lot of my friends who are maybe first-generation immigrants, second-generation immigrants, African-Americans, people who don't look like me or people who are the people that Trump singled out a lot in his campaign, I'm not sure what it's going to look like. And that's what concerns me."

Still he said he has looked into the issue of dual citizenship and planned to ask teammate Will Johnson about it although he wasn't sure it was for him. Johnson holds U.S. and Canadian passports. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

Friendship spurred letter, Belichick says

New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick said Wednesday the letter he wrote to Donald Trump before Election Day was done out of a friendship that goes back many years and was not politically motivated, while Tom Brady said he preferred to focus on football and wouldn't elaborate on his relationship with the president-elect.

Belichick addressed the letter during a regularly scheduled news conference held hours after the billionaire businessman was elected president and two days after he read it aloud at a campaign rally in New Hampshire.

Bill Belichick GETTY IMAGES

The letter congratulated Trump on his campaign and praised him for overcoming "slanted and negative media" to "come out beautifully." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Stamps lead league in all-star honours

Quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell was one of nine Calgary Stampeders selected to the West Division all-star squad Wednesday.

Mitchell helped guided Calgary (15-2-1) to the CFL's best regular-season record. He threw for 5,385 yards and a league-high 32 touchdown passes.

CFL rushing leader Jerome Messam (1,198 yards), tackle Derek Dennis, guard Spencer Wilson, defensive linemen Micah Johnson and Charleston Hughes (CFL-high 16 sacks), cornerbacks Tommie Campbell and Ciante Evans and defensive back Jamar Wall were the other Stampeders selected for the team.

Bo Levi Mitchell CONTRIBUTED

Voting was conducted by the Football Reporters of Canada and the eight CFL head coaches.

Running back Brandon Whitaker (second in CFL rushing with 1,009 yards) and defensive lineman Shawn Lemon (14 sacks) were two of the Toronto Argonauts' five selections. Offensive linemen Tyler Holmes and Chris Van Zeyl and kicker Lirim Hajrullahu were the others named. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2022 WORLD CUP

Qatar claims safety boosted since death

Qatar's investigation into the death of a worker on a 2022 World Cup stadium construction site has led to "extended over-sight" of health and safety procedures, officials said Wednesday.

The man, who organizers have said was the first to die in a work-related accident, was named Wednesday as Anil Kumar Pasman from Nepal. He was 29 when he was killed while working on Al Wakrah Stadium last month.

"This tragedy serves as a profound reminder there is always more to be done — no matter how far we have come in terms of implementing health and safety on our sites," said Hassan Al Thawadi, secretary general of the World Cup organizing committee. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Kiwis drop Guptill for tests

Struggling opening batsman Martin Guptill is among five players to be dropped from the New Zealand cricket team for the two-test home series against Pakistan beginning at Christchurch next week.

Guptill underperformed on the recent tour to India, where it was whitewashed in a three-test series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada's rugby women drawn into tough WC group

Canada will be tested early at next year's Women's Rugby World Cup, placed in Pool A with New Zealand, Wales and a qualifier.

The 12-team World Cup runs Aug. 9-26, with the pool stages in Dublin and the semifinal and final in Belfast. The Canadian women are currently ranked second in the world. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The smaller Mitch Marner avoids checks by using his agility and quickness. CLAUS ANDERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

NHL

Marner using size to his advantage

Veteran Matt Martin ambles by scrawny 19-year-old Mitch Marner in the Maple Leafs dressing room and playfully shoves him aside. Marner pokes his nose into Tyler Bozak's business a little while later and is told cheerfully to scram.

"Beat it there bud," Bozak, almost 11 years Marner's senior, says with a big grin.

With his diminutive 170-pound frame, Marner might look like the little brother on the Leafs, but that hasn't stopped him from making a big early impression in the NHL. Darting around the ice like a pinball, Marner has already rung up four goals and 10 points in 13 games for his hometown team.

He's quickly erased antiquated doubts that size (or lack thereof) might stunt his NHL ascent.

Even before he was plucked with the fourth overall pick at the 2015 draft, Marner was peppered with those questions. He thinks that while most in the hockey world paid attention to junior hockey and probably saw his awesome Ontario Hockey League numbers (including 126 points in 2014-15), they weren't really watching to see how those numbers were compiled, how he managed to succeed against bigger, stronger opponents.

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At six feet and 170 pounds, Marner has only put on 10 pounds in the last three years.

"I think, really, no one understood how much I dodge checks to try and get out of the way of them," Marner said.

Size was no barrier over three wicked seasons with the London Knights though, and thus far with the Leafs, it looks to be a dead issue once more.

"It's never been a big deal to me," said Marner, one of only 11 NHL players currently listed at 170 pounds or less. "I've grown up with everyone always saying 'he's too small' and stuff like that." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alvarez calm going into eye of the storm

UFC

Lightweight champ sees McGregor as another victim

Eddie Alvarez waited to feel the magnitude of the moment as he stood eye-to-eye with Conor McGregor on a Madison Square Garden stage.

Alvarez, hyping the biggest fight of his career, wondered if nervousness would kick in as he stared down McGregor. Maybe anger. An adrenalin rush, something, that would sound the emotional bell inside his body that he shared space with one of UFC's top fighters.

He had listened to McGregor yap and boast with all of the theatrics reserved for a daytime talk show, and when the time hit in September for the UFC 205 headliners to finally face off, Alvarez felt nothing.

"My heart rate didn't go up not two beats," Alvarez said. "I was standing in front of that man and I didn't feel anything. I don't know what was going on. Maybe I was just off that day. But this guy made me feel nothing."

Trash talk? Perhaps, but the 32-year-old Alvarez insisted he had a detached demeanour because he viewed McGregor as just another victim on his roll call of champions that he will beat down for a win.

"I don't get caught up in names," Alvarez said. "I just fight."

His most pressure-packed fight yet — the one that could help launch Alvarez into McGregor-type paydays — is ahead.

Alvarez makes his first UFC lightweight title defence against McGregor on Saturday night at MSG in the promotion's return to New York for the first time since the state lifted the mixed martial arts ban earlier this year. McGregor, the Irish fighter with the brash public persona that made him one of UFC's top draws, is also the featherweight champion and has vowed to walk out of the cage with both championship belts draped over his shoulders.

"A lot of people are going to show up to watch me beat this guy up.
Eddie Alvarez

Alvarez won the 155-pound title with a dramatic first-round stoppage of Rafael Dos Anjos in July on a UFC Fight Night card. McGregor is coming off a decision victory against Nate Diaz in a welterweight bout in August at UFC 202.

"A lot of people are going to show up to watch me beat this guy up," Alvarez said.

McGregor said this week he would "retire" Alvarez in the fight.

"It's over for you. You will not fight again after this," McGregor crowed. "You will not look the same. You will not think the same, and that's it."

Alvarez laughed off the threat — and made one of his own.

"We're about to take out arguably the biggest name in MMA," he said.

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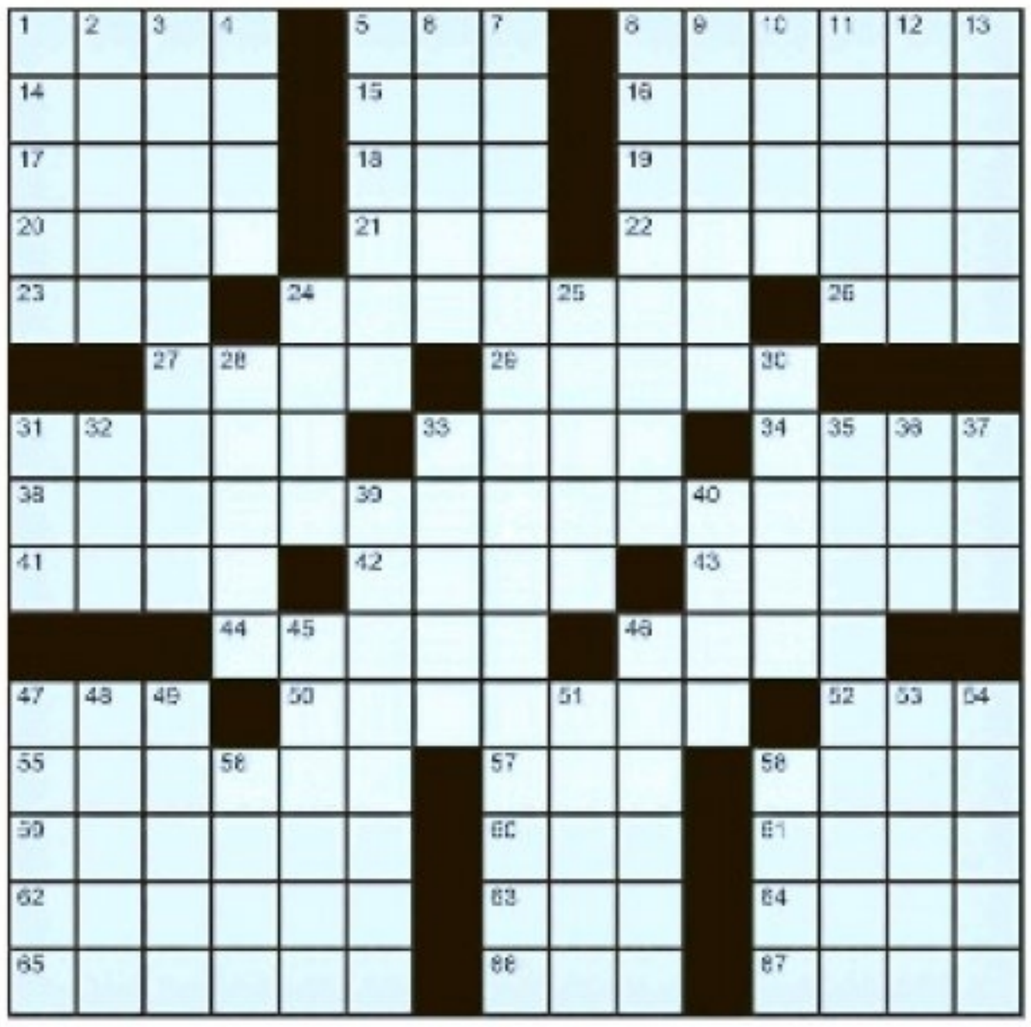

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1. Beaming
5. Humanities degs.
8. Stave off
14. Lasso
15. Bronze __
16. Faith __
17. Long-gone soldier's stat.
18. Driveway cover
19. Captivate an audience
20. Hawk
21. Unfairly fix things
22. King Minos, for example
23. For
24. Most moistureless: 2 wds.
26. Long ago time
27. Ms. Paltrow, to pals
29. Happened to happen
31. Burning
33. Frigid fluff
34. Jazz improvisation
38. Kitchen nook, for example: 3 wds.
41. Squirrel's place for fun
42. ...cinq, six, __, huit...
43. __. Assistant (Office job)
44. Measuring stick
46. On __ (Without a contract)
47. Legume
50. Slab of artistic plaint blobs
52. "__ in Cleveland"
55. Not yet hatched
57. On: French
58. Not decorated
59. Pale
60. Three, in Tuscany
61. Vex
62. "Relax soldier!": 2 wds.
63. Eggs, in a laboratory
64. "The Desert Babbler" by __ & Wine
65. Waiter
66. 'Pseudo' suffix
67. Spot

DOWN

1. 'Get'
2. Decrease
3. Say "I'm sorry."
4. Big name in computers
5. __-of-honour
6. Another time
7. 1950s American TV adventure series about a Canadian Mountie, "__ __ of the Yukon"
8. That which Loyalists were loyal to: 2 wds.
9. Canadian camera store
10. Hourly pay
11. Winged
12. Kingly
13. What's 'in' now
24. Farewells
25. Legal right
28. More humorously ironic
30. Dodge
31. Set of scenes
32. "__ Your Eyes Only" by Sheena Easton
33. Superman, Man of __
35. Living room pieces
36. "Help __ __ think I'm falling..." - Joni Mitchell
37. Criticize
39. New York hockey player
40. Bewildered stare
45. Revolt
46. Current
47. Transformation-stage insects
48. Related maternally
49. Can do the task better
51. Topsy-__
53. Low ship deck
54. Super small
56. Norwegian king
58. Soft cheese

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Please remember that partnerships and close friendships are where your good fortune lies during the next 12 months. The year ahead is a great time for Aries to get married.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
During the next 12 months, you can improve your job or get a better job. (It's your best chance in over a decade!) Believe this and make the most of this opportunity!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Grab every opportunity in the year ahead to enjoy a vacation. Your theme for the next 12 months is about pleasure, romance and socializing with others!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Explore every opportunity to enhance your real-estate situation in the next 12 months. Figure out how you can have a better, happier home.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
In the year ahead, you will have more belief in your future and in the power of what you can achieve on a day-to-day basis than you have had in over a decade. You realize now that it's all about attitude.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
In the next 12 months, you can boost your earnings. Believe in this. Look for ways that you can do this.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Once every 12 years, lucky Jupiter is in your sign. This time has arrived and will continue until next November. Enjoy your good fortune!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a strong month for you because the Sun is in your sign. However, the entire year is a very spiritual time for you because of Jupiter.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It's important to know that in the next 12 months, your interactions with others will benefit you. Make friends. Join clubs and associations. Others will help you!

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Look for ways to make a name for yourself in the next 12 months, because you can do this. You have a chance to impress people in power like never before.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Take every chance to travel in the next 12 months, because this is what you really want to do. You want adventure and a chance to broaden your horizons!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You can benefit from the wealth and resources of others in the next 12 months. This also is an excellent time to get a loan or mortgage.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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